Poll gives Labour 7-point lead

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

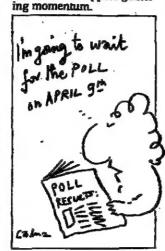
LABOUR has swept into a commanding lead in the three latest opinion polls, with a Mori survey for The Times today giving Neil Kinnock sufficient support to win a working majority of more than 20 seats in parliament.

The Mori results give Labour its greatest support since October, while the Conservatives are at their lowest ebb since last June.

The figures are Labour 42 per cent, Conservatives 35. Liberal Democrats 19, and others 4. The findings are the result of face-to-face interviews with 1,080 people on Monday. A week ago Mori put support for Labour at 41 per cent, with Conservatives 38. Liberal Democrats 17

and others 4-If the results were repeated nationwide in a uniform swing on April 9, the Conservarives would lose more than 100 seats. Labour would win 337 seats in the Commons, with the Conservatives on 268, the Liberal Democrats on 18 and others on 27. At the last election the Conservatives had 376 seats and Lab-

In the first clear break of a previously deadlocked electoral campaign, Labour appears to have enjoyed a delayed benefit from lifting health to the top of the political agenda with the controversial Jennifer Bennett election broadcast. Conservative strategists were shocked by last night's polls, which emerged just as they believed that their cam-paign had begun to gain ground. They will now be scrambling to prevent the slide in their support gather-



John Major refused to comment on the figures but a spokesman on his touring party said that he was confident of winning with a work-ing majority. "Anyone who believes that we are only going to get 35 per cent on polling day needs their head examined," he said. Neil Kinnock said the re-

sults were very good. "They are in line with constituency individual polls and regional polls which have been showing for some days that in the seats where this election will be decided we are doing ex-traordinarily well and will be making large gains."

Two other opinion polls alsogave Labour a convincing lead last night. A Harris poll for ITN found party support at Labour 41 per cent, Conservatives 35, Liberal Demostrat 10 and others F. Andrews F. A crats 19 and others 5. An ICM poll for today's Guardian measured Labour support at 41 per cent, with the Conservatives on 37, Liberal Democrats on 18 and others on 4 per cent.

The figures in the three polls shattered the belief of Conservative campaigners that the prime minister's

MORI/TIMES POLL Q How do you intend to vote at the general election on April 9?

Conservative

35% Liberal Democrats

19%

stronger showing over the past few days and Labour's apparent failure to profit from last week's health controversy had offered them the chance to win back the initiative. It seems, however, as though Labour's decision to promote the health debate has taken longer to work

through than expected. Health has soared even further ahead as the subject of chief concern to electors in deciding how to vote. It is now named by 56 per cent. ten points more than at the start of the election

campaign.

When people were asked if the National Health Service was safe in Mr Major's hands, 53 per cent said that it was not and only 38 per cent believed that it was. Among

those who put health as their chief concern, the verdict was 64-29 per cent against the prime minister as a guardian of the NHS.

More than half of those questioned disbelieve the gov-ernment's constant assertions that it has no plans to privatise the health service; 57 per cent expect a Conservative government to privatise the NHS and only 32 per cent think it would not. The survey found that 57

per cent of respondents believed that Labour would make fulfil its promise to spend an extra £1 billion on the health service, while 30 per cent doubted the pledge. When people were asked if the government's proposals for the NHS would improve standards of care or make

them worse, only 27 per cent believed the health service would benefit. The poll showed that 33 per cent believed the government plans would make it worse and 34 per cent said it would make no difference

The Conservative campaign, revamped last weekend on less negative lines after the Tories' earlier failure to dent Labour's previously narrow lead, has not proved popular with the voters. When people were asked which party had run the most effective campaign 31 per cent named Labour. 28 per cent said the Liberal Democrats and only 13 per cent opted for the Conservatives.

While 65 per cent of Liberal Democrats and 56 per cent of Labour supporters believed their parties had the best campaigns only 26 per cent of Conservative supporters believed that their party's campaign effort was the best. Almost as many Conserva-tives, 24 per cent, thought the Liberal Democrats had the best campaign and 17 per cent of them thought Labour

The latest opinion polls will send shockwaves through the Conservative hierarchy, and are likely to provoke adverse

were accused yesterday of de-leting all references to mem-bership of the Campaign for

Nuclear Disarmament from

the official biographies of at least 24 of their election

candidates.

Of the 634 Labour candidates at the election, who include well-known CND ac-

tivists such as Joan Ruddock,

Jeremy Corbyn and Ken Liv-

ingstone, only one, Bruce

Kent, a former chairman of

the organisation, declares his

allegiance in the party's can-didates directory issued to the

Allegations about the ex-

tent to which Labour has

decided to play down the par-ty's links with the unilateralist

pressure group were made

yesterday by Tom King, the

defence secretary, and Chris

Patten, the Conservative par-

The move came at a pre-view of last night's Conserva-

tive election broadcast, which

sought to resurrect defence as

an election issue and accused

Labour of planning deep cuts in the armed forces. The lav-

ishly produced programme

claimed that more than 100 Labour MPs were members

of CND, highlighted Neil Kinnock's unilateralist past

and claimed he could not be

trusted with the nation's sec-

urity in an uncertain world.

ty chairman.

reactions in the markets, still further underlining the government's problems with the economy

Psephologists, pollsters and party workers cite several factors in Labour's sudden surge into a clear lead. The Conservarives are finding it impossible to induce a "feel-good factor" against the constant stream of bleak economic statistics. They have enjoyed no outside bonus with England failing to win the world cup. bad news about the royal family and indifferent

Above all, the Conservatives have failed to dominate the agenda or to make progress on their two chosen issues of the Labour leadership and taxation. Mr Kinnock has had a troublefree campaign, improving his own leadership ratings, while the taxation issue has never gripped the public imagination. It is named in the latest Mori poll by only 15 per cent as an issue likely to determine their voting behaviour.

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"What did we find? Not one

Labour MP was listed as a CND member, no Jo Richardson, no Corbyn, no Cryer,

no Canavan, not even Joan

Ruddock. Not only that but

the first 24, who had been

honest enough to include it in

their biographies, had been censored, and the entries

To be fair one entry is not

doctored - Bruce Kent. Even

Labour's censors could not

Mr King conceded that so

far defence had not figured in

the campaign. Labour want-

ed it that way and they would

do all they could to avoid it

becoming an issue. "They will

go to the lengths that we are demonstrating today to cover

up anything that might be

leased a Conservative central

office dossier comparing the

draft biographies with the fi-nal versions. In each case,

CND membership appears

in the first version and disap-

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pears from the final one.

The defence secretary re-

embarrassing to them."

carefully doctored.

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Candidates lose

CND credentials

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT



EXCLUSIVE ENTERPRISE



In Gilbert Adair's book, E is for expunging, excising. eliminating, etc Life & Times Page 1

EDUCATING ELIZA



Jane Washington can distinguish 124 vowel sounds - six fewer than Professor Higgins but enough for the National Life & Times Page 3





TV has sprung another tourist trap Bernard Richards on the lure of the camomile lawn Page 14

UN imposes sanctions on Libyans

By James Bone in New York and Michael Binyon

THE United Nations Security Council voted yesterday to impose sanctions on Libya for failing to hand over two suspects in the Lockerbie bombing, despite fears that Tripoli would retaliate by pre-venting thousands of British and other foreign workers from leaving the country.

All civilian air links and arms trade with Libya will be prohibited from April 15 the anniversary of the 1986 American bombing raid on Tripoli - and Libya's diplomatic representation abroad will be compulsorily reduced. Ten of the 15 security coun-

cil members supported the sanctions resolution, only one more than the nine votes reouired. China. Cape Verde. India, Morocco, and Zimbabwe abstained.

Families of the Lockerbie

INSIDE Onion war retaliation

The haulier whose consignment of onions was burnt by French farmers has threatened to block cross-Channel trade by jamming a lorry across the ferry ramp at Roscoff if another of his vehicles is attacked or his Page 2

Air deal

The Scandinavian airline SAS has increased its stake in Airlines of Britain, the parent company of British Midland, from 24.9 to 40 per cent. Sir Michael Bish-

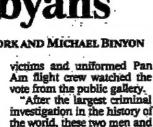
Holiday offer

The Times is collaborating with Hilton hotels to offer readers a half-price twonight luxury break in Britain or on the Continent Life & Times, page 4

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Employers seeking chief ex-ecutives, managers and other senior staff are advertising tomorrow in 12 pages of appointments in the Life &





the world, these two men and Libya itself have been indict-ed," said George Williams, who lost his son, Geordie, in the Leakerbie bombine.
"Now is the time for a trial." Ali Ahmed al-Houdeiri, Libya's ambassador, told the security council that reports that Libya was not issuing exit visas to some foreign workers seeking to leave the

country were "baseless allega-tions". He criticised the council for acting before the International Court of Justice had ruled on Libya's claim that it has the right to try the two suspects itself under the 1971 Montreal Convention on airline terrorism.

The mandatory UN sanc-

tions will come into force automatically on April 15 unless the security council de-cides before that deadline that Libya has met its demands and votes to lift them. Western diplomats said, however, it would be difficult for Libya to fulfil the council's

Of the five nations previ-ously subjected to UN sanctions, only one, Rhodesia, has had them lifted, and then only when it became Zimba bwe. Comprehensive UN sanctions are still in place against Iraq, and UN arms embargos are in force against South Africa, Yugoslavia,

Britain yesterday expressed concern about 5,000 British citizens living and working in Libya. Unspoken fears are mounting that some may be held in the country as hos-tages or possible human shields against any Western

air strike. Libya has refused exit visas to a number of foreigners. despite assurances previously given about the freedom of Continued on page 18, col 8



Edith Cresson leaving the Elysée Palace after meeting President Mitterrand

Cresson on brink of resigning

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

EDITH Cresson appeared last night to be on the point of stepping down as prime minister of France after an unscheduled visit to the Elysée Palace for talks with Presi-dent Mitterrand. But with speculation about her departure after just ten months in office reaching fever pitch. Mme Cresson steadfastly refused to give any hint about the outcome of their 35minute meeting before leaving Paris for a pre-arranged official trip to Germany and a meeting with Helmut Kohl.

The usual Wednesday meeting of France's Council of Ministers in the Elysée Palace will be going ahead today, leading some observers to conclude that Mme Cresson would not quit until that final session of her government was completed. Some sources speculate that she could even remain until the opening debates of the national assembly, which begins its spring session tomorrow, have taken place.

Fuelled by leaks from high places, French television was

Cresson is going as to name her replacement as Pierre Bérégovoy, the finance minister. He also had nothing to say publicly, although aides confirmed later that he had paid his regular Tuesday af-

ternoon call on the president.
With M Mitterrand engaged in ceremonial duties connected with yesterday's state visit by the Queen of Denmark, there was talk of a delayed until this morning. despite any misgivings about the association with April

"In 1992, voting Labour is a dangerous game," was the pay-off line. Mr King accused Labour of perpetrating a "monstrous cover-up" in an attempt to persuade the country that it can be trusted to keep the nuclear deterrent and that it no longer has links with

Mr King said he could prove his case because last year Labour party headquarters sent out advance copies of the first batch of 99 biographies, which typically run to about 150 words. Of these, 25 stated that they were members of CND. But when the full and final list of candidates was published at the start of the campaign, 24 of these biographies had been "doctored" to exclude all references to CND. The only

be upset, confusion and paperwork?

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Christian Aid

Backlash threat, page 13 the German chancellor. confident enough that Mme exception was Mr Kent. Day of decision arrives for future of Belgium

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AFTER 162 years of inde-pendence, talks today on the future of Belgium are likely to throw the country's exis-tence into doubt. The Dutchspeaking region of Flanders in the north may now decide to rejoin The Netherlands, while Wallonia, the francophone south, could opt to fulfil a dream that even Napoleon could never achieve, union with France.

Alternatively, the country may merge into a new Benelux state. Brussels, the capital, has long been expected to emerge as the self-governing capital of the European Com-munity. The startling possibility, to be discussed at a secret meeting today of



members of the squabbling francophone and Dutchspeaking parties, comes after years of increasingly arduous attempts to hold the country together.

Dismantlement of the unified state, the most drastic option available, was kept so secret, for fear of derailing the delicate negotiations, gium is yet aware of the momentous implications. A report has been made available to The Times from a source inside the European Community's 24th directorate, which has the most to gain from the change. The implications for the

European Community of the break up of Belgium would be serious. With only 11 members instead of 12, there will be one fewer commissioner, and The Netherlands and France will have to take up Belgium's share of the dget. It had been hoped that both Flanders and Wallonia could enter sepa-

rately, but this raised the is-

sue of whether the Com-

munity is yet ready to recog-

nise regions as countries an issue stongly supported by Scottish and other nationalists. In southern Europe, there is widespread distrust of such triskaidekaphobia. The disappearance of Belgium would mean that the

United Kingdom would hand over the presidency directly to Denmark, the next in al-phabetical order. All countries would be required to shift the term of their presidency forward by six months. sels as a federal capital of Europe would give the Com-

The designation of Brusmunity a "neutral ground" headquarters, much like Washington DC or Canberra. The details of how it would be administered and financed are unclear, but the

probably remain with the mayors of the city's 19 The timetable of the break-

up has still to be worked out. Both Flanders and Wallonia are largely self-governing, under the final revision of the constitutional arrangements which devolve almost all power and government functions to the regional capitals in Ghent and Namur. Brussels is at present a separate self-governing region of its own.

Flemish radio was yesterday on strike, blacking out early rumours of today's Times story, including its

Leading article, page 15

Increase in travel bookings suggests that the gloom has lifted British Airways. The industry is the biggest single employer in the world with 127 million

THE clearest indication yet that Europe is fighting its way out of recession came yesterday from the world's leading travel and hotel companies who say that increases of well over 30 per cent in bookings for air tickets, hotel rooms and car rentals in

April. The World Travel and Tourism Council, meeting in Hong Kong, yesterday reported a dramatic and consistent increase in bookings throughout the continent leading to growing optimism that the combined effects of the recession and the Gulf war are finally over.

The council's travel index - a snapshot of industry's confirmed bookings for the month ahead taken last Friday - shows that air travel in Europe is 31.4 per cent up on the same time last year, hotel

Europe seems finally to have buried the Gulf war ghost and is packing its bags for a holiday, Harvey Elliott reports

cent higher.

Air travel across the North Atlantic to and from Europe is 38.5 per cent up on last year leading to an increased number of flights and a growing confidence that the worst financial 12 months in aviation history may finally

Even allowing for the additional bookings as a direct result of Easter, which this year falls in April instead of March, as it did last year, the turn-round is significant and has delighted the industry which is regarded as one of the key barometers of the global economy. British Air-

bookings are 33.6 per cent up and car rental 32.6 per cent higher. ways ignores last year when making comparisons of traffic trends but claims that bookings for flights in April this year are between 8 and 10 per cent ahead of April 1990 and that traffic over the Atlantic is up 15 per cent against that of two years ago.

To cope with the additional demand the airline is increasing the size of aircraft and doubling the number of flights on the popular and booming Florida routes. The slight worry is that most of the increase has been in economy leisure flights -BA's holiday programmes are, for example, 30 per cent up — which give a lower return than the higher priced

business and first class tickets. Britain's biggest travel agency, Lunn Poly, also prefers to compare this year with 1990 and says that it has sold 30 per cent more holidays in the first three months than it did in the same period two years ago. Industry wide, the comparison between this year and last is even more stark with 1.78 million holidays sold by British tour operators in the first two months of this year compared with only 906,000 in the same period of 1991 an increase of 97 per cent.

The World Travel and Tourism Council's index shows a healthy growth in all travel-related services in almost all parts of the world except the domestic American air market which is still 4.5 per cent down on April last year and in Asian hotels

THE RISE IN BOOKINGS April 1991-April 1992 (% change) NORTH AMERICA Car Rental EUROPE" **Airlines** Car Rental ASIA/PACIFIC Airlines Hotels : Europe to the Car Renta

bookings which are the same as they were last year.

Geoffrey Lipman, president of the council, said: The best thing that can be said about 1991 is that it is over, and this survey appears

to confirm that it really is — at last. We have simply lost a year but these figures now show that consumer confidence is returning except in the domestic US market." The council represents 43

chief executives from all sec tors of the travel and tourism industry around the world including Sir John Egan. chief executive of BAA. Peter Middleton of Thomas Cook and Sir Colin Marshall of

generally. At yesterday's meeting a plan was put forward to create a development fund to boost travel in Eastern Europe. Mr Lipman said: crucial component of the ago and we have an opportu-nity and obligation to un-leash the conomic might of

jobs — one in every 15 — depending on it. It will pro-

duce more than 6 per cent of

world GNP next year and is

growing 23 per cent faster than the world economy

Travel and Tourism was a Marshall plan for revitalizing Western Europe 45 years travel and tourism once again to aid the cause of development and democracy in central and Eastern

Onion war farmer threatens'to block French exports

office in Louth, Lincolnshire.

vis took his own steps to ensure the safe passage of a load being moved the 16 miles

from Brest to the Roscoff

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cially hired security guards travelled a route leaked to the

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Donovan

described

himself as

male tart

By LIN JENKINS

JASON Donovan, the actor

and singer fighting a libel

action over an magazine arti-

cle that insinuated he was

homosexual, agreed in the High Court yesterday that he

had described himself as a

He told the jury that he had meant it in the heterosex-

ual sense. "As a boy of 23 I do

have relationships I go in and

out of all the time as does any

normal heterosexual person

in their life at that age," he

said. Asked by Mr Justice Drake whether it was with

men or women he was trying

to convey he had many rela-

tionships with, Mr Donovan replied "Women — as a

Mr Donovan, star of the hit

West End revival of Joseph

and the Amazing Technicol-or Dreamcoat and who first

came to prominence in the

Australian television soap

Neighbours, is suing the pub-

lishers of The Face, Nicholas

Logan and Wagadon Ltd.

and Benjamin Summerskill,

They deny libel and main-

tain that the article was a

serious look at the "outing"

campaign in which homosex-

uals are identified publicly as

such without their consent.

The hearing continues today.

a freelance writer.

'male tart".

On Monday night Mr Da-

BRITAIN'S onion war with France intensified vesterday when the haulier at the centre of the battle threatened to retaliate against French farmers who have already burned one lorry and its cargo and threatened his staff.

Peter Davis said that if another of his vehicles was attacked or an employee hurt he would block the farmer's trade with Britain by jamming one of his articulated lorries on the ferry ramp at the port of Roscoff, Britanny. "I know there would be

UK agreed

to sell

Vulcans to

Argentina

By Michael Evans

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN agreed in principle

to sell six delta-winged

Vulcan bombers to Argentina three months before the inva-

sion of the Falkland Islands. it was claimed yesterday.

Don Moore-Searson, for-

GEC-Marconi subsidiary in

Buenos Aires, said he was

approached in early 1982 by

an Argentinian who had con-siderable influence with the

military junta. He asked him

to find out if the RAF would

sell six Vulcans to the Argen-

tenth anniversary of the Argentine invasion of the Falk-

lands, Mr Moore-Searson

said that the initial response

from London was favourable

and a price was quoted. Any

possibility of a deal fel

through after April 2, 1982,

when Argentine forces land-ed in the Falklands. Vulcan

bombers were later used by

the RAF to bomb Stanley

airfield in an operation

codenamed Black Buck, after

an historic flight from RAF

Waddington in Lincolnshire.

mer Fleet Air Arm pilot, had

known the Argentine civilian

for some time and recognised

for Argentina's armed forces. "This sort of approach was

quite normal in that country," he said yesterday. "It

enabled the people involved to sound out the prospects

At the time there were 48

Vulcan bombers in service at

RAF Scampton and RAF

Waddington. The aircraft, which had a combat radius of

1,750 miles without refuel-

ling, were to be disbanded by

mid-1982. The Vulcans, the

first delta-winged bomber.

were able to carry nuclear

bombs or 21 1,000lb conven-

Mr Moore-Searson, now

retired but working part-time

for the Fleet Air Arm Officers Association, said he discussed

the Argentine approach with

Colonel Stephen Love, the de-

fence attaché at the British

embassy in Buenos Aires. To

ensure that the Argentine re-

quest was genuine, Mr

Moore-Searson gave Col Love the name of a senior

Argentine air force officer

The interest in buying Vul-

can bombers had not sur-

prised him. He said: "They

had British Canberra and

Lincoln bombers, so there

was a lot of common ground

between the RAF and the

Kamikaze tactics, page 13

who was involved.

Argentine air force."

anonymously

tional bombs.

Mr Moore-Searson, a for

Yesterday, on the eve of the

tine air force.

de took the onions by a back consequences and the lowy road. The farmers stopped could be lost, but I face losing the Davex lorry, but rele a £2 million contract unless it once they discovered it was something is done," said the empty. The onions were delivered unhindered. managing director of the haulage firm Davex at his

Today Mr Davis intends to send another load hoping the press and TV attention the issue has generated will keep the farmers at bay.

John Gummer, agriculture counterpart that the farmer's action was totally unaccept-able and he urged an end to the "lawlessness and hooli-

Britanny farmers, angry at the threat to their livelihood from the importation by Davex of cheap onions from Turkey, have already forced Ludovic Faujour, Mr Davis's French sales manager, to re-sign and flee to England after threats against him and his family. Mr Gummer told Louis Mermaz the French agricultural minister that he thought it bizarre that "a Frenchman has to come to England for protection

countrymen" Last week a Davex cargo was hijacked at gunpoint and set on fire, destroying its £32,000 load of onions. Some of the twice daily cargos go on to Britain, but most are re-packed in Roscoff for the French market.

Mr Davis said: "The irony is that my company also imports 150 tonnes of these farmers' produce into Britain daily. I supply most of the big High Street supermarkets with fresh French produce.

"They don't mind sending their goods abroad, but they don't want anything foreign to come into their country. This is 1992 and supposed to be a free market."

He accused the French police of failing to support his drivers. They were on the scene when the lorry was hiacked and did nothing. I have protested about that to the British Embassy in Paris and they are taking it up with the French government." He has also asked Bill New-

ton Dunn, MEP for Lincolnshire, to raise the issue in Brussels. One reason for the Britanny farmers' attitude is the decline of their own once-





Questions of evidence: Peter Alphon, left, who has confessed to the minder, and James Hantatty

Hanratty campaigners seek DNA tests

CAMPAIGNERS trying to prove the innocence of James Hanratty, hanged 30 years ago this week for the A6 murder, will today ask the Home Office to reopen the case and order the release of samples taken at the murder scene for testing with DNA to

clear the dead man. Scotland Yard has refused to hand over the samples for testing or to allow campaigners access to 16 boxes of papers collected by London detectives who led the investigation. If the samples are made available a DNA match could be made which might clear Hanratty using the DNA profile of his surviving relatives. The technique of DNA matching was not available until the 1980s.

Hanratty, aged 25, was hanged in 1962 after being found guilty of murder, attempted murder and rape at the end of the longest murder trial then recorded. He was convicted of shooting Mich-

Techniques not available in 1962 could establish the innocence of the man hanged for the A6 murder, Stewart Tendler writes

ael Gregsten in a lay-by on the A6 just south of Bedford and then raping and shooting Valerie Storie, Gregsteits dfriend. She was left for dead, but survived and samples taken from her clothing could be tested.

The existence of the samples and a new confession by a London man who said he carried out the murder have come to light in research for a Channel 4 True Stories investigation of the case due to be broadcast tomorrow. Peter Alphon has confessed twice before and then retracted. He has now provided a detailed statement claiming he was asked by an underworld acquaintance, who also knew

Hanratty, to commit murder. Geoffrey Bindman, solicitor for the Hanratty family, said yesterday: "There is now overwhelming evidence to in-dicate that Hanratty had nothing to do with this crime. The programme,

Hanratty - The Mystery of Deadman's Hill, points out there was never any forensic evidence against Hanratty who was picked out at ar identity parade by Miss' Storie who could not be

Both Hanratty and Alphoa had been staying in a west London hotel where staff discovered several cartridges which matched the gun used in the killing. The programme accuses Alphon, who was the original police suspect, of lying to the police and says the Bedfordshire papers refute claims that he had an alibi. One source was his mother, who proved to be imprecise. The other was a member of

the hotel staff who did not see him until the day after the murder and was a doubtful The man who attacked the

couple proved to be a very poor driver, which fitted Alphon but not Hanratty. Alphon refused to help the police by providing samples or handing over the clothes he wore on the day of the Alphon confessed original

ly and privately to Jeremy Fox, a barrister who became interested in the case. A mar said to be driven by the desire for £5,000 and a strong moral outlook, he made another confession in the mid 1960s and earlier this year provided Mr Fox with a new seven page statement. The criminal go-between he named gave evidence against Hanratty and killed himself when Hanratty lost his appeal. Yesterday the Home Office said they would look at any

Mr Rhoades's daughter,

Alyson, aged 23.

Mrs Anderson, a cleaner at RAF St Athan, said: "Alan

is so shaken by it that he is in a terrible state. All he can

say is that he will never fly

again. He is just glad to be

new evidence.

EC adopts single test for cars

After more than 20 years of debate within the European Community, trade ministers agreed in Brussels yesterday on a single technical standard for cars and lorries that will enable vehicles to be sold across borders without separate approvals from each national government (George Brock writes).

The EC's internal market council passed the last three of 44 directives aligning national tests for new vehicles and allowing manufacturers to sell anywhere in the EC once a vehicle has passed the standard test in one nation.

Countries such as France and Italy have relied on nat-ional technical requirements to limit imports. France will no longer be able to insist that cars sold there have yellow headlights. The directives will come into force next January.

Jail cache find

Prison officers foiled a possible jail breakout yesterday when they found a cache of escape equipment in a workshop. The hoard, including a starting pistol, Stanley knife blades inserted into wooden handles and milon string was found during a routine search of Garth prison, Lancashire. The prison houses up to 512 Category B inmates, including 100 serving life

Killer jailed

a man v yesterday for stabbing to death a British tourist Hamilton, New Zealand, in January. Wayne Paekau, aged 29, a salesman, pleaded guilty to murdering Margery Hopegood, aged 32, a solici-tor from Earls Colne, Essex, whose body was found in a public lavatory. A charge of raping Miss Hopegood was withdrawn after forensic sci-

Fast Maxwell

Kevin Maxwell, aged 33, son of the disgraced publisher Robert Maxwell, faces a driving ban after he pleaded guilty by letter to driving at up to 106mph on the M40 last December. Magistrates at Beaconsfield, Bucks, ad-journed the hearing yesterday so that Maxwell, from Chelsea, could appear and give reasons why he should not be disqualified. Police chased and stopped him at 7.30am.

Pupils' protest

Several thousand school-children marched through the centre of Belfast yesterday demanding an end to vio lence. The march, organised by pupils at Grosvenor High School, reached City Hall where balloons were released in memory of the victims of the troubles. The pupils said they rejected all men of violence and did not need paramilitaries.

Fake fortune

Detectives are hunting a gang of counterfeiters be-lieved to have produced thou-sands of expertly forged £20 notes. The fakes have ap-peared all over the Midlands in the last month and £15,000-worth has been handed to police in Coventry. More have been found in North Yorkshire. .

CORRECTION

The conversion from cubic feet to cubic metres mentioned in yesterday's story about the revised charging system for gas supplies, is achieved by multiplying the gas consumption, which is shown by gas meters in hundreds of cubic feet, by 2.83, and not by dividing.

Novice left holding joystick vows never to fly again port. He told air traffic con-Carole Anderson, yesterday shock, and was comforted by

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A TERRIFIED passenger who safely landed a light airwho salely indeed a pight and craft on a wing and a prayer after the pilot died at the controls 2,000ft over the Welsh coast vowed yesterday never to fly again. Alan Anderson, aged 24.

was put under sedation after the ordeal that began when his prospective father-in-law slumped against the joystick after a heart attack. Mr Anderson, who was talked down to a safe land-

ing at Rhoose airport, Car-diff, by a flying instructor who answered his Mayday call and flew alongside, said: "I was absolutely terrified it was only my second time in the air, and it will be my last. Nothing will get me on a plane again after what I've been through. I can't stop

shaking." Mr Anderson, who took over the dual controls and flew the four-seater aircraft for 22 minutes on Monday evening, added: "I was so lucky to get it down. I'm so grateful to the instructor." The aircraft, with Les Roades, aged 63, at the controls, was over Swansea when Mr Rhoades said "Shall we go over there?" and then collapsed.

craft, nicknamed Gay Dog after its call sign, GAYDG. catching up with it over Penarth, near Cardiff airport.

trok "I'm in trouble. I'm scared. The pilot with me

met Mr Legge at Cardiff Flying Club and told him: You God for you.

saved my son's life. Thank Mr Anderson, unem-

derson: I've got to unstrap myself. I can't see anything.

ignition. Anderson: Affirmative.

Legge: Has the engine stopped? Anderson: Just stopping now.
Legge: Unstrap yourself and the emergency services will see to you.

Anderson: Thank God.

Legge: If you pull the red lever towards you the engine will stop. Anderson: The engine still hasn't

Legge: Turn the keys to off and take them out. The engine should then stop. Anderson: The key's out.

Legge: You're welcome ... it's all in a

Mr Rhoades who jointly owned the £25,000 aircraft with five friends, was a keen flyer and took friends up as a hobby. He was found to be dead upon arrival at

> His widow, Swedish-born Barbaro Rhoades, said: "Tm very sad about my husband, but I'm glad that Alan brought the plane down safely and that he's fine. It was a tremendous feat." Mr and Mrs Rhoades had

bospital.

been married three years. Mr Rhoades has two children, Alyson and Matthew, who is 18.

its safety data unit.

has had a heart attack. What Robert Legge a flying in-structor, was in the area in a can I do? I'm on my own up With the pilot dead beside him, Mr Anderson, who had here. My life is in my own nands and I've got to do ployed, of Llantwit Major, South Glamorgan, was put Mr Anderson's mother, under sedation for deep Piper Warrior plane with a pupil when he heard the Mayday and flew to the airno previous flying experi-ence, followed the south Wales coast back to the airhands and I've got to do something about it."

It's all in a day's work, says instructor THESE are extracts from the conversa-

tion logged by air traffic control as Robert Legge spoke to Alan Anderson: Legge: Forward on the controls. That's fine. Let the aeroplane fly itself. Anderson: I wish it would

Legge: Read the air speed. Anderson: The air speed is about 105. Legge: I am on your right hand side. Just relax... we are bringing you down to land. I would like to fly straight over the runway ... what's the speed? Anderson: 102.

Legge: That's fine as long as it doesn't get much less. We are going to do a left-hand circuit. Try to keep that height. Keep the turn going all the way round Anderson: I understand but how do

you stop it?

Legge Maintain the height, little more

power. That's good . . . keep turning to the left. Roll the aircraft in a gentle

bank to the left. That's fine ... gently bank to the left, if necessary a little bit of power ... a little bit more pressure to maintain your height ... I'm going to attempt to get you down.

Anderson: We are going down are we? Legge: We are shortly, yes. Bank gently to the right. We are aiming for the wide tarmac strip to the right of the white and red lights. Can you see it? Anderson: Affirmative. Legge: Pull back very gently on the control column. Close the throttle, just hold it there Hold it. Hold it. Hold it.

Hold the control column back . . . relax. OK. [Here the plane lands.] Press the top of the rudder pedals. You will find the brakes. Press both rudder pedals together ... you will find the brakes. Anderson: I can't find the brakes. Legge: Don't worry. The emergency vehicles are coming behind you. Just sit in the aircraft . . . leave the engine running. In fact, can you see the red lever next to the throttle Delta? Anderson: I can't. Legge: Pull the red lever towards you.

Legge: Can you see some keys in the

The Civil Aviation Author-

ity began an enquiry, al-though Mr Rhoades had passed a medical in the past year. The authority said that air traffic controllers at Rhoose had filed reports to

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£10m saves Holbein painting for the nation

By Sarah Jane Checkland Saleroom correspondent

A HOLBEIN masterpiece mondeley's last. The price is a coup for Christie's. Although two weeks has been bought for the nation for £10 million. Lady with a Pet Squirrel and a Starting will be in the National Gallery. London, from April 28, alongside The Am-bassadors and Christina of Denmark, also by Hans Hol-

The deal, which ends three weeks of intense speculation, was clinched yesterday between Christies, the auctioneers, and Jack Baer, the London dealer who acted for the gallery.

Lord Cholmondeley, the seller, turned down an offer of £8 million last week. He spent last weekend considering a revised offer of £10 million, making his final decision yesterday.

"This is great news," Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the National Art Collections Fund, and a contributor to the purchase price, said. "It has been a tense time not knowing whether this masterpiece would reach its rightful home in the National Gallery."

Roger Lane-Smith, Lord Cholmondeley's solicitor, said: "Lord Cholmondeley is very pleased at the outcome because it achieves a fair balance between his needs and the nation's desires." The money would be used "primarily for the maintenance" Houghton, Lord Cholmondeley's home in

Norfolk, he added. Christie's said in a state-ment that the £10 million would "go only some way to preserving Houghton", prompting fears that this sale

coup for Christie's. Although the auctineers have been foiled in their attempt to boost a flagging market with the auction of this work, the £10 million theoretically establishes a record price for an old master painting — the painting would have had to sell for around £30 million at

auction for Lord Cholmondeley to have ended up with the private treaty sale price. This is because £3 mil-lion would have gone in auc-tioneers' commission and around £16 million in tax at 60 per cent. The auction record is £22 million for a portrait by the Mannerist Italian artist Pontormo.

The price is all the more surprising considering that the negotiators knew that, following the furore surrounding the sale, the auction may have flopped. The likelihood of a long-term, or even permanent, export ban was a strong disincentive to buyers.

Now the National Gallery must mortgage its £2.75 million annual purchase grant for some years, as well as dipping into its £50 million gift from J. Paul Getty Junior. The National Heritage Memorial Fund has also pledged £3.5 million over three years, and the National Art-Collec-tions Fund £250,000. There is also the bill for Christie's, the agents.

The painting dates from Holbein's first stay in England, between 1526 and 1528, before he became court artist to Henry VIII. It was acquired by the third Earl of Cholmondeley in 1761 and passed by descent to the



Staying in Britain: the Holbein masterpiece

New Scots wildlife body woos old foes

Scottish Natural Heritage plans to involve local people, write Kerry Gill and John Hancox

DUNCAN Antonio is not a happy man. As chairman of the Loch Sween action committee, which has protested over the possibility of the west coast loch being turned into Scodand's first marine nature reserve, he regarded the Nature Conservancy Council for Scotland (NCCS) as "arrogant, academic and

At midnight last night the council ceased to exist. From today Scottish Natural Heritage will be responsible for the country's wide open spaces, from the Cairngorm wilderness to the newlyplanned forests of the old industrial central belt.

But Mr Antonio remains unimpressed. "There was considerable hostility towards the NCCS and changhe said.

It is people like Mr Anto-nio that Scottish Natural Heritage, formed out of the NCCS and the Countryside Commission for Scotland, will seek to reassure with a philosophy of devolved deci-sion-making intended to tackle potentially explosive environmental rows at a local

The organisation had



Still unimpressed: action committee chairman Duncan Antonio, right, with salmon fish farm workers on Loch Sween

Roger Crofts, the chief executive of SNH, said he and his 530 staff, working with a £34.6 million annual budget, would set up 13 area teams to decentralise care for the environment as much as

mixed trees over the next 20 to 30 years. Secondly, SNH faces prob-

three main challenges, he lems caused by 100 many said. Firstly it wants to envisitors at places such as courage more access to areas Loch Lomond and Strathwithin Scotland's industrial spey. Working parties will report on the best environcentral belt. Up to 20,000 hectares will be planted with mental policies for these

> A third priority is the degradation caused by overgraz-

ply managing a sheep flock," said Mr Crofts. ing by sheep and deer which has denuded huge areas of the Highlands of foliage and

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'We would like to see farm subsidies continued but restructured so a sheep farmer is paid to be a manager of the environment instead of sim-

In many areas deer have ruined vast tracts of upland. SNH envisages open forests in which properly managed herds can survive. Deer would be culled where over-

grazing was out of hand.

Manx lifts legal ban

THE Isle of Man govern-ment yesterday agreed by 13 votes to 11 to legalise sexual acts in private between con-

ment to the island's laws on sex was moved by Miles Walker, the chief minister. It is the first time that the Manx government has moved towards bringing homosexual legislation into line with the mainland and with the Eurorights.

measure is expected to receive royal assent. Yesterday's five-hour de-

bate in the House of Keys followed pressure from Westminster to come into line with Britain and most of Europe on the issue. A constitutional rift with the British government was feared if the Manx government once more defied London. Some Manx politicians claimed that a dangerous precedent would be set for more interference from London. The measure was heavily

defeated last year, but six new members of the House of Keys swung the issue.

on gays BY RONALD FAUX

senting men. Acceptance of the amend-

The bill will go next week for its third reading in the House of Keys. Three readings before the legislative council follow, after which the

Eton joins battle for airwaves

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ETON College is taking on Frank Bough and several consortia of Asian businessmen in a the hotly-contested battle to open a radio station for Windsor, Slough and Maidenhead.

The school, led by Sir David Nicholas, the former ITN chairman, and backed by Allied Radio, yesterday joined eight other groups bid-ding for the small local station, which will compete with 18 other stations for just 390,000 potential listeners.

The winner, to be announced in July, must persuade the Radio Authority that its output will appeal to a diverse audience ranging from Slough's large Asian and Airo-Caribbean population to well-to-do residents of Maidenhead and Windsor.

Mr Wogan, who has lived in the area for 22 years, has offered to appear occasionally as a presenter if his consortium is successful. The Eton bid promises to be "strong on news and local information" while offering "modern musical hits from the last 30 years". The bid follows a history of local involvement.

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Why God is more than mere talk

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

be happy until she is as famous as God. Gypsy Lee Rose says: "God is love, but get it in writing." According to Paul McCartney, God isn't in a pill but LSD explained the mystery of life -'it was a religious experience". Asked how he would like to achieve immortality, Woody Alien replied: "By not dying."

Nietzsche may have stated that God was dead but the claim appears premature. Along with sex and politics, the deity remains one of mankind's perennial talking points. From interviews, newspaper cuttings and graffiti, Martin Wroe, a church warden, has assembled some of the re-

sulting wisdom. "I like to collect interesting sayings. The age of the sermon and the carefully prepared lengthy exposition is waning," he says. "Television has taught people only to think in short phrases and sound bites. I

am a fan of the sound bite." "If there were no God, there would be no atheists." said G.K. Chesterion, while Woody Allen, much quoted on the matter, asks: "How

MADONNA says she won't tongue caught in the roller of an electric typewriter?" God and money is a re-

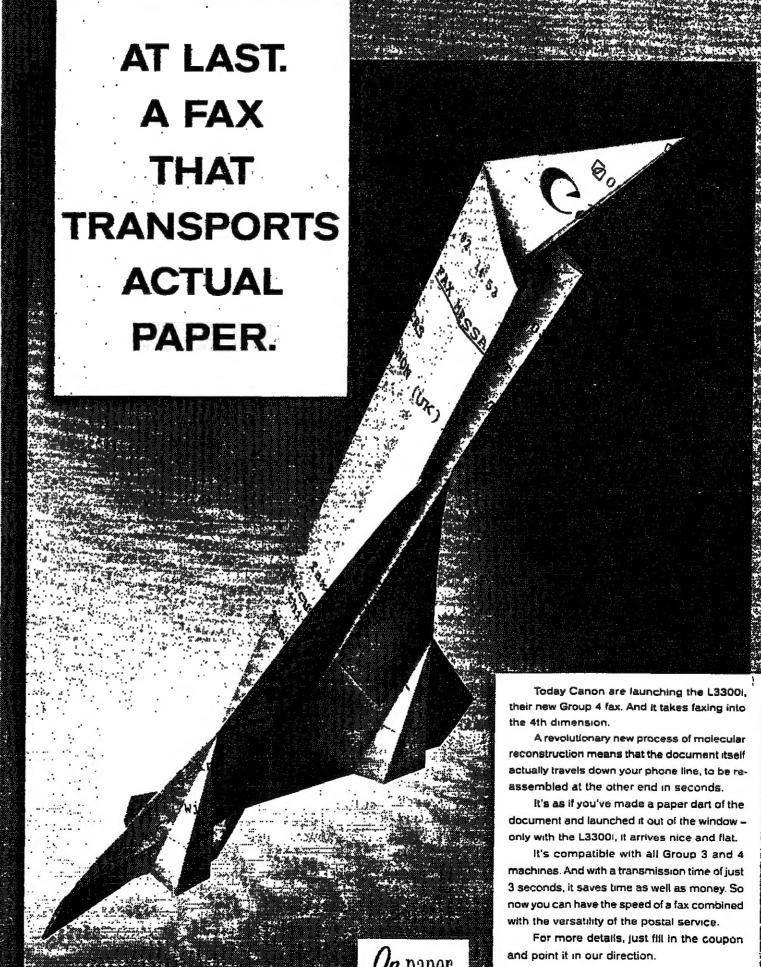
current theme. As The Times reported recently, a city bullion broker who asked his staff for a motto for his notepaper was offered: "Ingot We Trust". Bo Derek, the actress, says: "Whoever said money can't buy happiness simply hadn't found out where to go shopping."

According to Margaret Thatcher: "No one would have remembered the Good Samaritan if he had only had good intentions. He had money as well." John Paul Getty notes: "The meek shall inherit the earth. but not the mineral rights." Some of the pithiest com-

ments come from anonymous graffiti: "God is alive - He just doesn't want to get involved" or "Jesus was a typical man, they always say they'll come back but you never see them again".

The book also includes some sayings of Jesus. Mr Wroe says: "I have put some Bible verses in as well because many people do not read the Bible any more."

on the matter, asks: "How God: What the Critics Say can I believe in God when (Hodder & Stoughton, £5.99) just last week I got my published on April 16



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£60,000 for nurse held in £20 note row

A NURSE who was detained by a shop manager on suspicion of passing a counterfeit banknote received £60,000 damages in the High Court

Eleanor Robinson, aged 47, had sued Dorothy Perkins for damages for wrong-ful imprisonment, assault, shock, distress and an injured shoulder after she was held at

the fashion chain's store in Wood Green, north London, in July 1988.

On the second day of the hearing Dorothy Perkins, which still denied liability, aggred to pay the damages. agreed to pay the damages and legal costs of more than £5,000 to the widowed mother of three adult children.

But her counsel, Matthias Keily, told Mr Justice Tudor Evans and a jury of eight women and four men: "It is a matter of some sadness to Mrs Robinson that the defendants have not had the good grace to apologise to her."

The court heard how Mrs

Robinson of Islington, north London, paid for an £8 jacket

taken to an office by the manager, Ian Shaw, and prevented from leaving until police arrived and confirmed that the note was of an old design

When she had tried to leave there was a struggle, said Mr Kelly. Mr Shaw put an arm round her neck and jerked back her right shoulder, cans-ing her pain. She was pulled back into the room and a security guard stood by the

She claimed Mr Shaw foreibly restrained her, injuring her right arm and shoulder. This had affected her mursing career as she had difficulty lifting patients. She had to abandon a course in neurological nursing and had lost the chance of a staff job, she

Outside the court Mrs Rob-inson said: "I am happy and glad it is all over. I have not et foot inside a Dorothy Perkins store again after the humiliating and terrible experience and I never will."



Ship shape: David Goddard, director of Exeter maritime museum, arranges canoes in preparation for its reopening today. The museum, which closed last November, has been rescued by Isca, a charity which owns the collection of 200 traditional working boats

no right to keep raid documents BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Police had

THE chief constable of Lancashire had no right to retain documents unlawfully seized from the homes of two Preston councillors last year, the

High Court said yesterday.
The police had seized the documents under defective warrants, Lord Justice Nolan and Mr Justice Jowitt said. The court said that officers had not produced to the men a list of items sought, and also that the police had no "general right" to keep the material as evidence.

The court was giving its reasons for earlier last month ordering the chief constable, Brian Johnson, to return the documents to Harold Parker. leader of the council, and Frank McGrath, chairman of the controlling Labour group. The items were seized during an enquiry into land deals. The councillors, awarded costs against the police, plan to seek exemplary damages. The claim is not expected to be heard until after Mr McGrath's trial under the

1968 Theft Act.

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Property slump cuts living costs

THE cost of living has fallen faster during the past year than at any time since 1976 - but the average person is unlikely to have noticed, according to Reward, the pay

research specialists.
The latest Reward survey of the cost of living shows that the fall in house prices, the cut in mortgage interest rates and lower household rates and poll tax bills over the past year have meant that housing costs have dropped by 17.6

per cent.
That has pushed down the Reward index for Required Incomes — the earnings needed to maintain living standards — by 4 per cent compared with 1991.

But despite this significant drop, Reward says that the "man in the street" is unlikely to say that his cost of living has fallen. The reason, says the company, is that the costs of goods and services, excluding housing, have risen by 7.8 per cent since February 1991. This rate almost matches the 7.3 per cent fig-ure for the underlying inflation rate produced by the Central Statistical Office in January. These figures, adds Reward, have been influenced by the 2.5 per cent VAT increase in the 1991 Budget.
Steve Flather of Reward

said: "The decrease in housing costs is masking increases elsewhere. Small wonder the man in in the street feels that costs are rising. However, with average earnings rising by 7.6 per cent, those in employment are actually. holding their own compared to increases in the costs of goods and services, and are experiencing a real increase in standards of living compared to overall costs.

Reward adds that initial calculations based on this year's Budget show that the middle-income range "stan-dard family" on which it bases its calculations would see an overall rise of £24 for the goods and services it uses each year. However, the reduction in its income tax bill means it would need £332 less than last year to maintain its standard of living.



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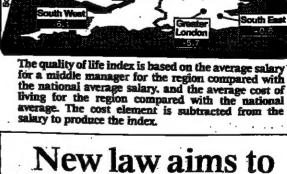
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THE QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

dump fly-tippers

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY

EVERY company boss in Britain will need to know from today where his rub-bish ends up, or face a heavy fine or even prison. Under a new duty of care

in waste management, which comes into effect today, every company will be legally responsible for the proper disposal of its own waste, from its packaging through transportation to its incineration or burial.

The law, brought in under the 1990 Environ-ment Protection Act, is designed to combat cheap, but possibly illegal, disposal options, in particular use of fly-tippers, who dump in unauthorised places and who are sometimes organised on a criminal basis. There are thought to be a million tons of fly tipped waste in Greater London at any one time, and other large cities suffer similarly. Firms will have to take steps to satisfy themselves that their waste is being properly taken care of after it has left them. That means packing it safely, describ-ing it accurately, keeping records of it, checking that the firm that removes it is licensed and that it ends at a suitable site.

The environment department said: "Hitherto the disposal sites, which are licensed. Yet a lot of waste may never get there, or be sent to an inappropriate site, or be improperly mixed or described when i does arrive. For the first time we are extending responsibility to producers of waste, and waste carriers."

The "duty of care" was recommended by the Royal mental Pollution in 1985. which in its report quoted the remark of the naturalist Frank Fraser Darling: Most pollution comes from getting rid of waste at

the least possible cost."
Offenders may face an unlimited fine or five-year



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Drivers in Exeter are being offered free parking if they

have three or more people in the car (David Young writes). In the "Park free with three" scheme run by the city

and county councils to reduce

congestion and exhaust pollu-

tion, part of a long-stay car park will be coned off. An

attendant will check the num-

ber of people in each car and

give qualifying cars stickers

exempting them from park-

ing patrols.

The city council expects to lose money in lost parking revenues but hopes that the

scheme will reduce traffic

jams and carbon monoxide emissions. It will run for a six-

month trial and 50 places will

be allocated for drivers arriving between 7.15am and 9.15am.

Dead recluse

A recluse who lived in abject

poverty, and who had lain dead for several weeks in his

flat before being found, had more than £50,000 in cash and company shares, an in-quest was told yesterday.

John Hanley, aged 66, a former cleaner, had £530 of the cash in his flat in Walworth, southeast London. There was no food and the

only furniture was a mattress

and rug on the floor and a deck chair, Southwark coroner's court was told. Mr Hanley was found dead on March 2 after neighbours

called police. An open verdict was recorded.

had £50,000

Evidence on radiation link 'flawed'

Scientists doubt pylon cables cause cancer

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EXPERTS who have studied claims that power lines and domestic electrical appliances may be related to cancer say they are doubtful that a link exists. After two years of research, an advisory group headed by Sir Richard Doll, the Oxford University professor, has concluded that most of the studies purporting to show links between nonionising radiation and cancers are flawed. The only research that may be sound shows a weak link to a small number of brain cancer cases. Even this evidence is described as "less impressive than might appear".

The advisory group stud-ied research linking electrical field exposure with cancers including tumours of the brain, gonads and breasts. Studies linking power lines and clusters of childhood leukaemias, and examining doses to people living near radar and television transmiters, were also looked at.

the National Radiological Protection Board, which ordered the study, said yesterday that the work showed "no clear evidence of a carcinogenic hazard from normal levels of power frequency elec-tromagnetic fields, radiofrequency or microwave

Sir Richard, who is based at the Imperial Cancer Re-search Fund Cancer Studies Unit at Oxford, said that "there was no good evidence" linking cancers to power lines and electrical equipment which operates at less than 100,000 hertz.

operates at 50Hz, as do power lines. Microwave cookers do operate at higher frequencies but users are protected by

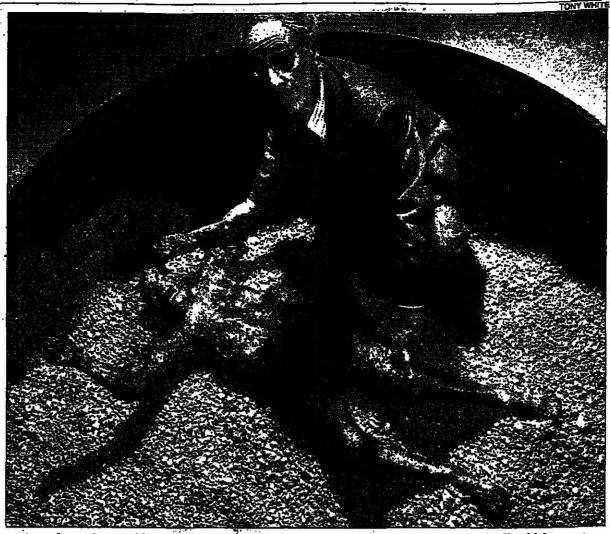
The group did accept that some workers involved in ac-tivities such as welding or working with television transmitters and electrically powered furnaces could be at risk of doses above 100,000

Hz. However, laboratory studies that have claimed a link between these high levels of exposure and cancers may have ignored the effects of local tissues heating that can be a consequence of working with such devices, Sir Rich-

 ◆ A genetic flaw in some people could put them at risk of certain types of skin cancer, a seminar was told yesterday. Research indicates that the flaw impairs the body's immune system when exposed to sunlight, making it unable to attack cancer cells in the

upper layers of the skin. Wayne Streilein, a cancer researcher, told delegates to the American Cancer Society seminar in St Petersburg, Florida, that the findings could lead to a genetic test to screen those at risk.

Electromagnetic Fields and the Risk of Cancer. Report of an Advisory Group on Non-Ionising Radiation, NRPB. (Stationery Office, E10)



Apocalypse then: Baldassare Conticello, curator of the exhibition Rediscovering Pompeii, which opens today in Kensington, London, with the body of a female victim of the first century eruption of Vesuvius

InterCity serves Le Breakfast

THE Great British Breakfast, as eaten on British railways, is going continental. Inter-City has been invited to serve its best-selling breakfast for a week on the 7.05am Paris to Brussels EuroCity express.
On the return journey, leaving Brussels at 5.10pm, an InterCity crew will serve a British dinner menu, featuring British lamb and salmon. The experiment starts on April 6. In return, Wagons Lits, the French train restau-

rant operators, will be invited to put French meals on British trains. Terry Coyle, director of InterCity's on-board services. making it Britain's third larg-

"InterCity catering is seen as the envy of most other We would not be doing this if we thought it would not be totally successful," he said.

francs (£21.65), will be pre-ceded by a cocktail of spark-

Cyclist killed

said that the invitation, from Wagons Lits, came as no sur-prise. InterCity sold 25,000 sandwiches on its trains, est sandwiches retailer. The British breakfast originated on InterCity trains and had always been popular.

A continental British breakfast, for InterCity have those too, will cost 65 francs (£6.70) but the cooked breakfast — bacon, pork sausage, choice of eggs, spicy black pudding, mushrooms, tomatoes, sauté potatoes and fried bread — will be an extra 82 francs, taking the total to £15.15. Dinner, costing 210

Michael Robbins, aged 53. was killed after being hit by racing joyriders while cycling home from work. One of the two stolen cars was travelling at more than 80mph on the wrong side of the road when it hit Mr Robbins in Iver, Buckinghamshire, police said. A damaged black X-reg VW Golf was abandoned near by. A white Cavalier, registration HOT 199Y, has not been

Blouses stolen

A lorry delivering 400 boxes of women's blouses to Canning Town, east London, was hijacked by three men wearing blue overalls and taken to Rayleigh in Essex, where the driver was left tied up in his cab and the trailer unhitched and driven off.

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Hilda Jones, aged 91, a widow, who was attacked and beaten in her home at Hodson, Wiltshire, last week by a man who stole £60, has had her left eye removed in an

Videos checked

Librarians in Suffolk are checking hundreds of video films after a mother complained that a children's Watch with Mother tape she hired contained ten minutes of a pornographic film.

Democracy is just a phone call away

By Douglas Broom local government correspondent

POLL tax payers who are tempted to blame the town hall for all their troubles are being given a lesson in practical municipal decision making. Their council is asking them to decide how to spend part of its budget.

South Norfolk district council has set aside £5.000 for an open lesson in which the district's 103,000 residents are being invited to allocate scarce resources. The idea is to make people aware of the difficult decisions faced by councillors trying to satisfy ever increasing demands on the public purse from a limited budget.

Voters are being given a choice of five equally worthy projects on which to spend the £5,000. From Thursday they can register their preferences by dialling one of five telephone ling one of five telephone numbers at the council. Using its computerised switchboard, the council will count the calls to each line and allocate the cash to the one which gets most

calls by April 21.

The "Democracy DislIn" will offer voters the
choice of spending the money on picnic seats at beauty spots, wheelchairs for the elderly, a concert, tree planting or a drive against food poisoning in restaurants and take away premises.

Conservative and Liberal Democrat councillors share control of the council but Adrian Kellett, the chief executive, said that the phone in had nothing to do with it being a hung

"This is in no sense a referendum," he said. "If it was we would disenfranchise everyone without easy access to a phone. The idea is to help people realise how difficult these kind of decisions can be."

The exercise was prompted by market research which found that few local people understood what the council did or how it did it. This way they find out by tackling the issues them-

selves," Mr Kellett said. South Norfolk had been Tory controlled since its creation in 1974 until last May. Now the Liberal Democrats and the Tories have 22 seats each with three independents holding the balance. Mr Kellett said that the council was a model of co-operation with both parties sharing the chairmanship of commit-

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Times/Mori poll

Labour with Smith as leader would be beyond catching

THE Labour party, which has moved into a clear lead in the latest opinion polls, would be invincible in this election if John Smith were its leader instead of Neil Kinnock.

In the latest Mori survey, respondents were asked how they would vote if Mr Smith were party leader instead of Mr Kinnock. The result was a 4.5 per cent swing in Labour's favour.

Instead of Labour leading the Tories by seven points on 42-35, as they now do under Mr Kinnock, their margin under Mr Smith would be 16 points. They would lead by 49 per cent to 33, with the Liberal Democrats down from 19 per cent to 16 per

Mr Smith would keep all the supporters his party has under Mr Kinnock as well as bringing over 5 per cent of those intending now to vote Conservative and 7 per cent of supporters of the Liberal Democrats.

But the Conservatives appear to be suffering more from their record than from any defect in the prime minister's personality. For all the glamour of his campaigning style, the Tories would not be significantly better off with Michael Heseltine as their leader instead of John Major. When Mori asked how people would vote if he had the job. the swing to the Conservatives was a mere 1.5 per cent, cutting Labour's lead from 7

points to 4 at 41-37. If Mr Heseltine were leader, 3 per cent of the present Conservative supporters would go to the Liberal Democrats while 5 per cent of Labour supporters would come over to the Conservatives and 3 per cent of Liberal Democrats would do so. If abour were led by Mr Smith

HUNG PARLIAMENT

On balance, do you think that a hung parliament...would be good or bad for Britain?

Heseltine, party support over-all would be Labour 46 per cent, Conservatives 34 per cent and Liberal Democrats 17 per cent, with others on 3

Mr Major continues to lead. his rivals on leadership qualities. When people were asked to name the most capable prime minister, 38 per cent chose him, compared with 29 per cent who opted for Mr Kinnock and 21 per cent for Paddy Ashdown. But Mr Kinnock has closed the gap from thirteen points at the start of the election to nine

The Liberal Democrats, who launched their campaign to counter the "wasted vote" argument yesterday, appeared initially to have benefited from last week's brouhaha over the Jennifer Bennett Labour election broadcast and to be resisting the traditional squeeze on third parties. But they have slipped a little in the latest

Mori survey.

When people were asked in the first Mori/Times survey on March 11-12 how they would vote if they thought that the Liberal Democrats were likely to win in their constituency, the poli finding was Liberal Democrats 35. Labour 33 and Conservatives 29 per cent. By the March 23 survey that was up to Liberal Democrats 41, Labour 28 and Conservatives 29. But in the latest survey, conducted on Monday, the answer to the question was Liberal Democrats 38 per cent, Labour 32 per cent and Conservatives

28 per cent.
One factor in the Liberal Democrat slippage may be that the country is showing a positive distaste for the prospect of a hung parliament. Mori asked simply: "On baland the Conservatives by Mr ance, do you think that a

MOST EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGN Which of the political parties has run the most effective campaign so far? Conservative 25% C

Public sector pay

Index plan denied by Cunningham

By ROBIN OAKLEY

JACK Cunningham insisted yesterday that Labour would not index the pay of public sector workers to ensure that it kept pace with the private sector. His statement came as the party sought to play down the disclosure of a "smoking memo" from one of John

Smith's economic advisers. In a policy paper drawn up in January 1990 and disclosed in yesterday's Daily Mail Andrew Graham, an adviser to the shadow Treasury team, had suggested "where an obvious anomaly on pay exists the aim would be to correct it gradually by, for example, linking it to private sector settlements plus. say, I per cent per annum for

five years". Dr Cunningham, Labour's campaign coordinator, came under pressure yesterday to explain how Labour would meet its manifesto promise to "halt the deterioration which has taken place in the pay and conditions of many public service workers". Asked where the money would come from, since Labour was pledged not to increase borrowing further or to increase taxes beyond current plans. Dr Cunningham stuck to the formula that all would be within "strict budgetary controls" This would involve no more funds than those already outlined in the Treasury red books for the next two years.

Of the documents on which the Daily Mail story was based, Dr Cunningham said: "They were produced in January 1990 by an academic for discussion. They are not Labour Party policy, they are not endorsed by John Smith and they are not in the

He insisted Labour wanted to stop the deterioration in public sector pay which, he said, led to 30 per cent of teachers leaving the profession within a short time of their training. But he declared: "There is no question of indexing. There is no question of secret deals. We do not intend to spend money we can't afford."

Later, at the Tory news conference in London, Chris Patten, the party chairman. described the Daily Mail's story as "shattering" and said the disclosures destroyed Mr Smith's credibility.

"They show the Labour Party has been considering a special secret deal with the trade unions and also cast light on Labour's plans for tax increases," he said.

A Labour party spokesman confirmed that Mr Graham was one of several economic advisers to Mr Smith. But he said none of Labour's treasury team had any knowledge of the proposals, said to be contained in documents which the party had not seen. Of Good-o is her war cry.

hung parliament, with no party having an overall ma-jority, would be good or bad for Britain?" More than half those questioned (56 per cent) said that it would be bad for Britain and only a quarter (26 per cent) said that it would be good, with 18 per cent ex-

pressing no opinion.

Although Mr Ashdown has insisted that his party is not campaigning for a hung parliament, much attention has focused on the Liberal Democrats' role as potential coalition partners if there were to be one. Conservative supporters are 69-19 against the idea, Labour opposed by 56-25 per cent and even Liberal Democrat supporters are only marginally in favour at 44 per cent to 42 per cent.

Health continues to dominate the list when people are asked to name the two or three issues most important to them in deciding how to vote in the election. It is named by 56 per cent (up 10 per cent since the election began). Education is a clear second on 36 per cent (35), with unemployment third on 23 per cent (27). The repeat-ed Conservative focus on taxation has still lifted it only from 10 per cent to 15 per cent in the issues table.

When people were asked which party had the best policies in different areas, the Conservatives had a margin of only five points over Lab-our on what they hoped would be the strong points of their campaign, taxation and managing the economy.

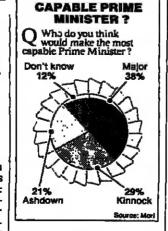
They led Labour 36-31 on

managing the economy and 38-33 on taxation. The Tories also led by 27 points (48-21) on defence and by 14 points (40-26) on law and order. But Labour led by 26 (46-20) on unemployment, by 23 (49-26) on health care, by 20 (42-22) on replacing the poll tax and by 18 (41-23) on

Labour also leads on a subject that the Conservatives had hoped to use in their favour in the election. Mr Kinnock and his party are reckoned to have the best policies on trade unions by 38

per cent to 35 per cent. Mori interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,080 adults aged 18-plus face to face in 54 constituency sampling points on Monday. Data were weighted by gender, age, class and region.

Labour lead, page !



about Labour's party political broadcast raged last week. both parties were privately unsure which of them would benefit from the argument. Today's Times/Mori poll, taken this Monday after the dispute had died down, tried to assess the fallout Labour's seven-point lead

WHO won the War of Jenni-

fer's Ear? As the dispute

seems striking confirmation that it came out on top. But that can hardly be the direct result of the broadcast. While 30 per cent of the population watched it in full and a further 41 per cent later saw clips of it on television, only 23 per cent of voters agreed that the broadcast "told the truth about the NHS and was an effective broadcast for Labour' (see graphic).

What the broadcast and the ensuing controversy did was to raise the profile of health as an election issue. "Health care is Labour's issue by a margin of more than two to one. By attacking the Labour broadcast, the Tories helped to keep it top of the political agenda," Bob Worcester, Mori's chairman, says.

On the nose: Denis Healey has a word with a non-voter while campaigning for Clive

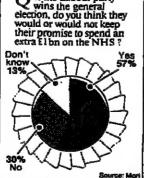
Health issues

Jennifer's ear gives Labour the edge

By DAVID LIPSEY

Mori's first election poll for The Times, on March 11-12, indicated that health was cited by 46 per cent of voters as one of the two or three issues that would be most important in deciding their vote. This week, that figure is up to 56 per cent. Since the broadcast, the Tories have cut Labour's lead as best party on health. In week one, Labour had a 27-point lead over the Tories on the issue. That rose to 30 points last week, but this week, is down to 23 points. Labour is rated best on the issue by 49 per cent of voters. as against 26 per cent prefering the Tories and 11 per cent the Liberal Democrats

(The remainder are "don't But that good news for tise health: "No health service privatisation, not today, not tomorrow, not ever while I LABOUR'S NHS PROMISE Q If the Labour party wins the general election, do you think they would or would not keep their promise to spend an extra El bn on the NHS?



am prime minister," he said Tory strategists is more than outweighed by the bad news. at the Conservative party conference in October. But 57 They will be shaken by the strength of public suspicion per cent of voters do not believe him. Mr Major has of Conservative intentions on affirmed and reaffirmed that health. John Major vehethe NHS is safe in his hands, mently denies plans to privabut 53 per cent of voters say that it is not.

By contrast, Labour's NHS pledges seem to be believed. Voters were asked whether Labour would keep its promise to spend an extra £1 billion on the NHS. They said that it would, by a majority of two to one. Those who think health is an important issue are even more likely to believe Labour, with 63 per cent saying the party would keep its promise, compared with 26 per cent saying it would break it.

Judging by Mori's results, the Tories have nine days left in which to sell their health policy to the public or to demolish Labour's. Otherwise, Mr Major may pay the ultimate political price.

Poll analysis

Tories in peril of worst defeat **since 1945**

By Ivor Crewe

IF THE 7 point Labour lead in today's Mori/Times poll materialises on polling day it would signify one of the most extraordinary electoral shifts since the war. Neil Kinnock would be propelled into Downing Street on a massive swing of 9 per cent with an overall majority of 38. His Labour government would be only the third in British history to enjoy a secure five-year majority. The Conservatives would lose 116 seats in the worst rout suffered by any party since they were buried

in the 1945 Labour landslide.

Caveats apply to any single poll. The 7 point lead for Labour is two points higher than that given in any other poll this year. It may be on the outer edge of the 3 per cent margin of error and is therefore consistent with the 39 per cent Labour 38 per cent Conservative figures that many recent polls have re-ported. But it is close to the 41-35-19 figures in the Harris/ITN poll which was also conducted on Monday and the 41-37-18 figures in the ICM/Guardian poll which was carried out yesterday. Indeed, even if Labour's true lead is less than 7 per cent, the trend revealed by Mori is in line with the three preceding polls:

Week's change Con Lab LD S -2 - +3 -3 +1 +3 28/3 NOP/MoS -2 - +3 29/3 ASL -3 +1 +3 30/3 Harris/D. Exp -3 +1 +2 30/3 Mon/Times -4 +1 +2 31/3 Harris/ITN -3 -1 +3 31/3 ICM/G'dn -2 +1 +1

In all six polls the Conservative vote has slipped about 3 points, the Labour vote has barely changed and the Liberal Democrats have advanced, usually by 2 to 3 points. The Labour lead is larger in the Mori poll than the others because Mori reports a fractionally stronger swing over the week (2.5 per cent rather than 1-2 per cent) Efford in Eltham, south London, where Peter Bottomley is the Tory candidate from a Conservative base that

was slightly lower (38 per cent rather than 41 per cent).

The significant figure in the Mori poll is not the Lab-our vote of 42 per cent seven other campaign polls have put it at least that high - but the Conservative vote of 35 per cent, confirmed by the Harris poll. As Peter Kellner pointed out in the Independent on Sunday the lowest support for the party in office reported by any mainstream poll in an election campaign is 36.5 per cent (for the Con-

servatives in February 1974). On Sunday the ICM/Sunday Express put Conservative support at 36 per cent. Three of the previous four poils had put it at 37 per cent or below. The Conservative tide does appear to be ebbing fast. Its campaign has evidently failed to inspire. A mere 13 per cent think they have run the most effective campaign and even among Conservative voters the pro-portion is only one in four. What has gone wrong?

Comparison with the Mori/Times poll conducted immediately after the Budget suggests that the Conservatives have not lost the battle of ideas. The campaign has barely altered voters' party preferences on key issues. On health the Labour lead has narrowed from 27 to 23 per cent and on unemployment it has fractionally slipped from 28 to 26 per cent. The Conservatives' slender 5-6 per cent advantage on the econo-my has stayed the same.

But the Conservatives have comprehensively lost the battle of the agenda. Mori asked respondents to name the two or three most important issues "in helping you to decide" how to vote. Health tops the list, mentioned by 56 per cent, a 10 point increase during the campaign. Education is second (36 per cent), up three points, followed by unemployment (23 per cent).

The Conservative focus on taxes has had some effect -mentions of it have risen from 10 to 15 per cent - but not enough. Other traditional vote-winners for the Conservatives are raising barely a flicker of interest: only 6 per cent mention law and order, 4 per cent defence, 4 per cent Europe and a tiny I per cent immigration. Low inflation is important to only 8 per cent. Ivor Crewe is professor of government at the University

CAMPAIGN QUOTES

I blame all those Sloanes at Central Office ... What do they know about the real

world? - Teresa Gorman. Tory candidate for Billericay, speaking about her party's campaign

Hannibal Kinnock is the greatest serial spender in history. His policies will eat you alive ? - David Mellor,

comparing Mr Kinnock to the antihero of the film Silence of the Lambs

I like the Tyrannosaurus rex with the big teeth. It looks a bit like Michael Heseltine ?

- Neil Kinnock watching children making models.

It's all Kinnocks a great big load of Kinnocks ? - Michael Heseltine on Labour's policies

They are the party which preached prudence and now have proved to be infidels in their own church ?

- Keil Kinnock on the Tories Labour and the Tories can't both

be right, and I tell you that neither of them is right > - Paddy Ashdown

Roaches and rice dominate issues in East End

Tockroaches are the number one political issue in Bethnal Green and Stepney. In moments of depression, Tory hopefuls sometimes cheer themselves with the thought that it could be worse: they could be Conservative candidate for Bethnal Green and Stepney.

Yesterday I went canvassing with her, and found a gutsy Yorkshire woman, with not a hope in hell having a whale of a time. Cockroaches have invaded Tower Hamlets. The council blames the central heating, the white East-enders blame the Bangladeshis, and the Bangladeshis blame the council. Caught between the

es is Jane Emmerson. On this occasion she was not wearing her sari. "Edwina Currie lent it to me," she said. "It goes down well with the Bangladeshis in Brick Lane. But best avoid it with the white East-enders. Tactless, don't you think? Good-

electorate and the cockroach-

CAMPAIGN SKETCH

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"Good-o!" she yelled to a yuppie in a Hermes scarf walking by St Katherine's Dock. "This is the posh part." Jane grunted, "they don't like the Bangladeshis to live near them but at least they aren't going to vote for the British National party candidate - which is frankly a danger with some of my

whites in Bethnal Green." "The yuppies are in danger the other way: Liberals scurry round like rats telling them that only the Liberal Democrat candidate can get Peter Shore out. So I have to gee them up. But separately from the Old East-end whites. But not forgetting the Bangladeshis, of course. But not at the same time. They can't stick each other.

visiting Betty, on the 19th floor of a 20-storey tower block. Betty was an East-ender. Her flat behind a Fort Knox-style door was immaculate. There were Arthur and Frank, her husband and brother-in-law, on the matching floral three-piece suite. "Screwballs, them militant socialists," Arthur said to

me. "Roughed Jane up in Bethnal Green market, scattered all her leaflets." Jane glowed with pride. The conversation turns to cockroaches. Betty had written to the council. "They said it was a racialist letter, but I wrote how I feel. Well, it's them sacks of rice, innit? I mean do we keep sacks of rice and

onions on the floor? They said it was the cen-Good-o! Off we go!" We were tral 'eating. Central 'eating!

better. We know exactly when those roaches started." Jane laid a restraining hand on her arm and asked Betty whether her relatives would There was also "Aunt Tof-▲ fee Nancy — Nancy what kept the toffee stall. She's Tory. Her dog. Dandy, would leave the room whenever

Harold Wilson came on the box because Toffee Nancy would start moanin' and shoutin' fies! All lies! And it frightened the dog.
"And 'er mum. Ooh 'er

Mum! She's in a home, you know, confused, and Toffee says she don't recognise her own children no more but when she sees that Kinnock on the box she shouts 'Get him off the telly, 'e's contaminatin' the telly!'. She tried to belt the Labour can-

It's an insult to your intelli- didate visitin' the old folks gence. Twenty-three years home in Hornchurch. and we've had the central heatthey rang Toffee up and Tofing. Does a cockroach take fee says 'I should 'ave told you to lock me mum up when 23 years to crawl through the central 'eating?" We know the Labour come round...' "Then there's , she's a cousin of the Krays. She's a Tory. she's ever so gentle, lives alone with her Pekinese.

Suffers something awful from the roaches. 'Ad to be fumigated - twice. She's gone beserk, up the bleedin' pole. It's them Pakis - she pulled me to the window - "look at that block. Every flat's a Bangladeshi and they're all pregnant..." Jane changed the subject to Betty's childhood working in Brick Lane. "A gal was put to the machines or to the needle. We was 'appy. But it was Yiddishers then. Lovely people. Lovely coats they wore. We miss em. Not like the ... "Jane Emmerson, tactful Tory that she is, mur-

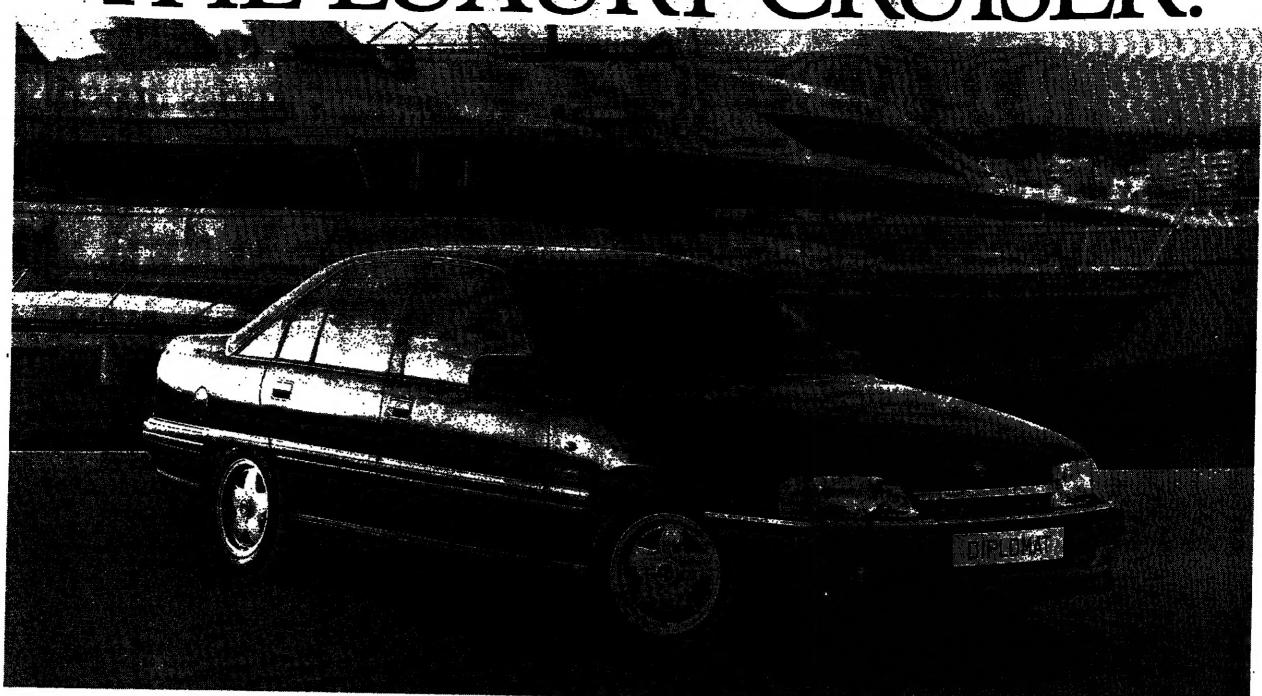
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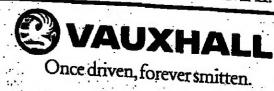
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Uphill struggle: Paddy Ashdown in Inverness, supporting Scotland's beleaguered Lib Dems

How hacks suffer on the stump

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

PADDY Ashdown and the media followers who paid four-figure sums to join his odyssey were busy telling the world of the progress of his attempt to revolutionise Brit-

Outside, it was snowing. Through the steamed-up coach windows on the Inverness to Aberdeen road yesterday could be spied dozens of mobile phones being shaken frantically, lap-top computers balanced on squashed knees, cameramen trapped in their seats by ladders and other paraphernalia. Plaintive cries of: "Hello, hello, you're break-

ing up," could be heard. Relayed to newspapers and television stations from the bus were details of the party's winning vote strategy. Mr Ashdown's thoughts on the Labour-Tory tax and education plans and thoughts on

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Sconish independence.

His campaign had been stepped up a gear for the last full week of campaigning. However, most of yesterday's ambitious programme of walkabout and photo-opportunities in Scotland had to be torn up when an aircraft overran Aberdeen runway, closing the airport for six

The campaigning day starts with the 7.15 press conference in London and ends when Ashdown One decamps 40-odd bodies many miles later around midnight at Heathrow's VIP centre. A sort of cheery stoicism found on a Club 18-30 holiday had set in among the inmates. Maybe this 25,000-mile criss-crossing of the country is far removed from the heart of the campaign and few voters are encountered, let alone converted. But one day it will

"I am increasingly in favour of Scottish independence ...," moaned a heavyweight columnist on an awayday with the man seeking to break the mould in British politics. He is not planning to join Mr Ashdown's campaign again. But the veterans, those as-

signed to trail Mr Ashdown until polling day, have developed a trench mentality. Living off a succession of airline meals and M&S sandwiches. eestasy is a rare foray into a fish and chip shop. The logis-tical problem of reporting Britain's third party dominate conversations.

When not crowded in to a coach, the campaign team flies slowly to remote parts of the country in a twin prop plane. London to Inverness yesterday, for instance, took nearly three hours.

When the Liberal Demo crat leader mounts the podium at the evening rallies, he starts: "Wow, only ... days left of this wretched Tory government." The hacks echo his cry, merely substituting "... of this wretched election campaign".

Major goes adrift on the Falklands

JOHN Major maintained his assault on the leadership qualities of Neil Kinnock vesterday by contrasting his own new soapbox style with the Labour leader's more closely controlled cam-

paigning approach. But his attempt to play the Falklands card against the Labour leader, suggesting that he might be ready to give up the sovereignty of the islands, came unstuck when it emerged that Mr Kinnock had been wronged in reports about his stance

on their future.
In an historical allusion that may have escaped some of his audience in the centre of Chester, Mr Major invoked the memory of Lenin travelling to St Petersburg to stir up the Russian revolution. Interrupted by a 72vear-old Labour heckler. Mr Major said: "It is nice to see a member of the Labour party that does not have a sealed train, secreted from the rest of the world."

He was on thin ground, however, when he attacked Mr Kinnock over the Falklands. Referring to a report in The Daily Telegraph, he criticised the Labour leader for suggesting that a Labour government might consider a change in the status of the islands. He told a crowd of Tory supporters and shoppers: "I wonder what message that gives to the soldiers, airmen and navy men who fought in that war and to the people who still live there." Mr Kinnock had been reported

John Major had a mixed day on his travelling soapbox yesterday, reports
Philip Webster

as having said that Labour would be prepared to consider a change in the status of the Falklands provided there were enforceable security guarantees.

Later, however, it emerged that Mr Kinnock had been doing no more than restating long-stand-ing party policy because in remarks which had not been reported he had also said: "There cannot be anything done without the active consent of the people of the Falkland Islands. Too much has been expended. loyalty is too great, the status is too important for there to be any abandonment of the needs and desires of the people of the Falkland Islands."

Mr Major gave another forceful performance on his travelling soapbox, but he was weefully short of serious hecklers until the elderly Tom Brannigan obliged with a cry of "rubbish". Mr Major gladly seized on his interruption to welcome him. "With a bit of luck he will follow me wherever I and my soapbox go. Wher-ever I go between now and April 9 this soapbox is coming with me. There is no way people will stop the Conservative message gerting right on to the streets."

Scots Tories find themselves out on a limb

IAN Lang, the Scottish secretary, is increasingly looking like the head of a defeated army who faces capture himself. Not only did a new poll yesterday suggest that he was highly likely to lose his seat in Galloway, but the Tories may also have only the fourth largest group of MPs from north of the border at Westminster after April 9.

The Tories have lost their way, unpopular both because of their general record and because they appear to have been left behind by the debate about Scotland's constitutional future. Party leaders are mainly fighting an exer-cise in damage limitation.

Almost whatever happens in Britain as a whole, the constitutional position of Scotland will change. My main impression from visiting Edinburgh and Glasgow is that the status quo is no longer sustainable and that most Scots no longer believe it can be sustained.

Opinion polls have consistently shown only 20 to 25 per cent favouring no change. Significantly, a survey carried out for the newspaper Scotland on Sunday of half those mentioned in Who's Who in Scotland shows 41 per cent favouring the status quo. But nearly two in three of the business and financial lead-

RIDDELL ON THE ELECTION Change in Scotland

seems inevitable,

writes Peter Riddell

recently there have been expressions of increasing public alarm from that sector about the disruptive effects.

A move away from Westminster rule is regarded by many as desirable and probable. That is partly because many of those now at the top in Scottish life came through the devolution debates of the Seventies. They have thought about the issue. Opposition to the status

quo begs the key question whether to move to a devolved assembly with tax-raising powers and control over much domestic policy, as favoured by Labour and the Liberal Democrats, or independence within the European Community, as urged by the Scottish nationalists and backed by just over 35 per cent of voters. John Major and Mr Lang have argued strongly for the union, opposing not only independence but also a devolved assembly

ers oppose any change and as leading to higher public spending as well as inevitable

tensions with Westminster. The Tories' doubts are not irrelevant. After devolution, what would be the position of Scottish MPs at Westminster? Should Scotland's overrepresentation be ended? (To have constituencies the same

Most Scots believe the status quo can no longer be sustained 9

size as in England there would have to be 58 Scottish

MPs, not 72.) In political terms, the Tories have lost the initiative in face of the change of mood. They have tried to isolate Labour by polarising the debate as a choice between union and separation, although that could rebound. The government's unpopularity, underpinned by the failure of

Scotland, has linked opposition to the Tories with the call for constitutional change.

At present, the Tories stand to be the main short-term losers from the election. Although their vote is within a couple of points of its 1987 level of 24 per cent, the party may suffer from the much greater development of tactical voting in Scotland than in England. The SNP is widely expected to defeat Mr Lang and two of his colleagues. Bill Walker and Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, and the Tories may also be vulnerable to Labour in a couple of seats. Overall, although they could manage the odd surprise gain in the lottery of a four-party system, the Tories may drop to only five or six MPs from their present nine, out of 72.

Labour is expected to consolidate its big advance of 1987 and may raise its total of 49 by at least two or three. On paper, the Liberal Demo-crats should be in difficulties with their vote now at half the 1987 level of 19 per cent. But many Lib Dem candidates have strong local positions in the Borders, Grampian and the Highlands. So the party may lose only a couple of its ten seats, in Argyll and Inver-ness. To avoid a further squeeze, the Liberal Demo-

crats are pushing Sir David Steel to the fore.

The big uncertainty is the SNP, whose support is nearly twice its 14 per cent of 1987. The SNP offers a simple message, independence within Europe. Talking yesterday to Jim Sillars, its deputy leader, I had a sense of the uncompromising passion which, by offering a blunt assertion of neighbourhood, has appealed to younger people who dislike the Tories and regard Labour as a distant establishment. Labour candidates admit some vulnerability to the SNP among younger working-class people living on housing estates. al-

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though the party has been picking up support from Lib-eral Democrats and disgruntled Tories.

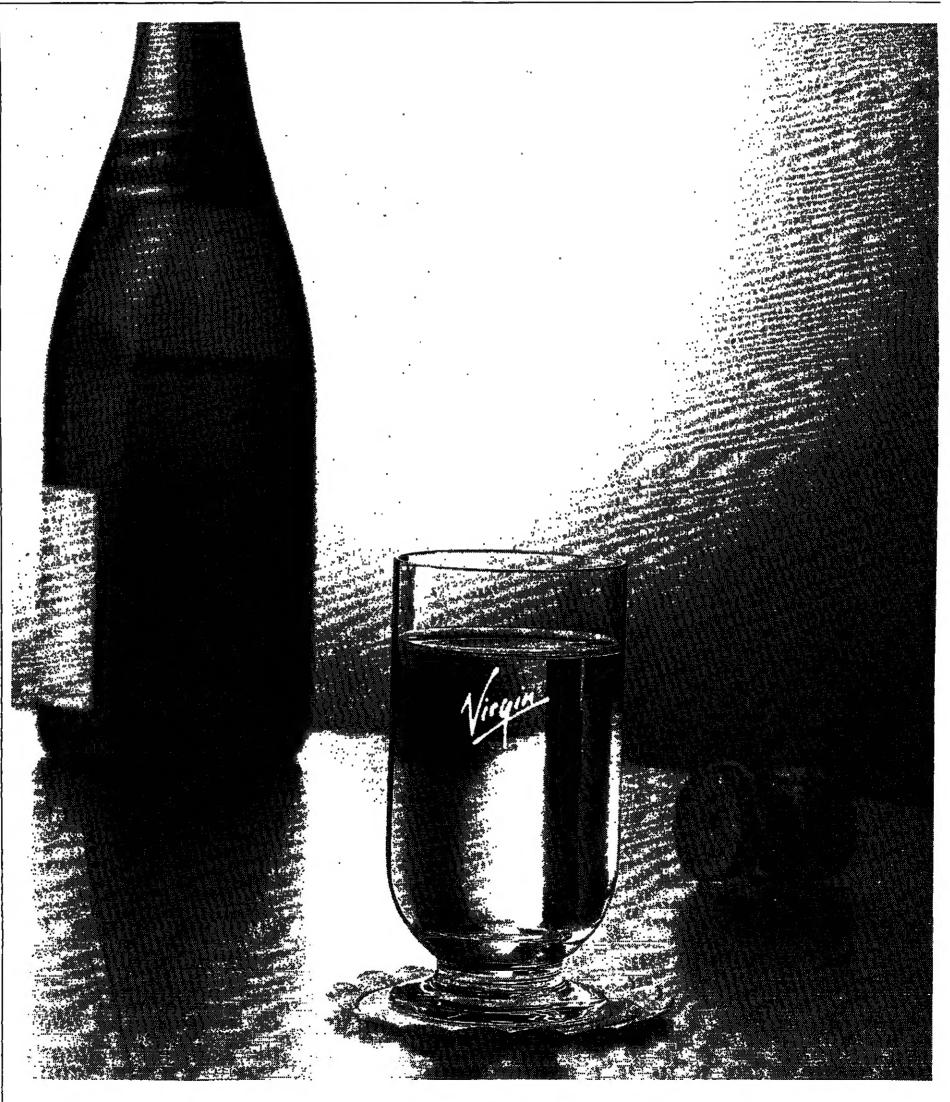
However, on present figures, the SNP will do well to double its present group of four MPs (minus one former Labour member) and may have fewer votes and MPs than in October 1974.

If the national polls put the Tories ahead this weekend,

could drop in the face of an SNP argument that only a strong nationalist showing will change the status quo. Such a rise at Labour's expense could benefit the

Mr Major has said that he will "take stock" after the election. A serious serback for the Tories would enable him to override the split between nardliners such as Michael Forsyth who have argued for a clear choice herween union and independence and those favouring a modified devolved assembly, as Malcolm Rifkind did in the Seventies. Many English Tories are well aware of the advantages to them in reducing the impact of Labour's large number of Scottish MPs.

If Labour wins outright, or with support from the Liberal Democrats, there will be early legislation for a Scottish parliament. In one sense the constitutional arguments will start in earnest then about the relations of such a parliament with Westminster and the implications for the rest of Britain. That in turn could open up a debate about constitutional change for England and Wales. The election in Scotland is not a parochial matter; it concerns everyone



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Constituency profile

Essex woman keeps Billericay in touch with the old style

DEEP in the Essex flatlands a Tory loose cannon yesteron the spin doctors and bratpack advisers at Conservative Central Office who have taken all the fire and verve from the party's campaign.

Teresa Gorman, the Conservative candidate for Billericay, does not believe in subtly coded messages. "I blame all those Sloanes at Central Office — all the Amandas, all the Timothys. What do they know about the

real world," she thundered.
"It's all so boring — figures
and statistics. The voters
don't want that. We should be telling them more about how we will restore living standards and warning them about the nightmare in prospect if Labour wins."

Mrs Gorman, defending a majority of almost 18,000 at the last election, clams up diplomatically when asked if she has serious reservations about John Major's gentle touch. "He does need to get

EC the big question, Biffen says

The future of Britain in the biggest issue facing British politicians, John Biffen, a former cabinet minister, said yesterday. Voters should question the value of "continental-scale government".

Labour gain

An opinion poll in the marginal Birmingham constitu-ency of Northfield shows a 14 per cent swing to Labour from the Tories since 1987. The survey, conducted by Quality Fieldwork for the Birmingham Evening Mail, gives Labour 55 per cent. Tories 33 per cent and Lib Dems 11 per cent. Quality Fieldwork interviewed 901 Northfield voters.

Peace offered

Lundy, in the Bristol Chan-A four-day "election escape" break is being offered from next Wednesady with radios of visitors' hotel rooms.

Fine Gael upset

The decision to lift the broadcasting ban on Sinn Fein has angered Fine Gael in the Irish republic. Brendan McGahon, the party spokes man on border affairs, said the decision to allow Gerry Adams back on the airwaves was an insult to those killed by the IRA.

British vote

Tony English, an Irishman who lives in Scotland, intends to vote for Andrew Welsh. SNP candidate in Angus E.

1987 result: Mrs T E (54.9%); M Birch (SDP/All) 15,755 (25.6%); R Howitt (Lab) 11.942 jority 17,986 (29.3%).



his personality across more forcefully. People like strong leadership. Quite clearly there has been a change of style that they will have to get used to. As a pre-Thatcher Thatcherite, I keep Billericay in touch with the old

style."

Billericay, said to boast one of the most right-wing electorates even in Essex, has neither forgiven nor forgotten those responsible for Mrs Thatcher's departure. "Michael Heseltine, although he might be a forthright speaker, is not liked here because of what he did to Margaret.

posters everywhere but the windscreen, was greeted with waves and smiles across the

constituency. Essex jokes in-furiate the Tory candidate as

the Timothys and Amandas

at Central Office again, the

descendants of robber barons

who stripped the peasantry of their land. They think it is

clever to laugh at these

people, at new money and hard work," she snapped.

Billericay's loose cannon

does not reserve her ordnance

for Central Office Sloanes

alone. The Treasury, too, is in the firing line. Walking round an under-used busi-

ness park, Mrs Gorman sug-

gested that for every firm that collapsed a mandarin should

be given the long white enve-

lope. "We'll soon run out of

top Treasury civil servants

that way, but that would be

Mrs Gorman is not too

no bad thing at all."

what he did to Margaret.
"Mrs Thatcher squeezed all the poison out of this country: tamed the trade unions, brought interest rates down, reduced inflation and gave us a sense of confidence that made people feel good," Mrs Gorman, said. Out on the stump in a fluorescent blue anorak, Mrs Gorman was

greeted with the brand of deference normally bestowed deterence normally bestowed on visiting royalty as she arrived at a pre-school play group threatened with closure before her intervention. "They think I am wonderful here," she explained. The Gorman battle bus, a large Ford Transit decked out with balloons and election

fond of the EC either, "Most people don't give a stuff about Europe. They wonder what we are doing cosying up to people who have made an art out of excluding our goods.

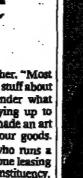
is one of many traders who shares Mrs Gorman's rumbling disquiet over Tory cam-paign strategy. "John Major needs to become a bit more of a bastard if we are to win. As for Lamont, he is too weak and the media regularly make mincemeat of him.

ing Labour's loony left, re-minding people what the unions would get up to under Kinnock. At the moment the still there," he said.

Frank Bellard, the Liberal Democrat candidate, acknowledges that Mrs Gorman is a doughty fighter He believes, however, that with an increased number of business failures in Billericay his party is poised to embaron the doorstep has been ex-

But if posters in windows are any measure of party support, both the Liberal Democrats and Labour's Alison Miller have much glass to cover before April 9. Mrs Gorman's face is everywhere from council flats to rambling Dallas-style bungalows with Jaguars and Mercedes

There are more beautiful houses in Billericay than anywhere in the world I know outside Long Island, New York," Mrs Gorman said. The Amandas and Timothys may sneer, but these are people who have worked hard and deserve continuing success under a Tory govern-ment that stands up for



Brian Sparks, who runs a fax and car telephone leasing business in the constituency, "Let's concentrate on naîl-

Tories are just a bunch of wet nellies. It would have been so

cellent. We are more than encouraged. We could win this time."

crowding the drives.



Pit stop: the Rev Ian Paisley, with his son; also called Ian, making a brief refuelling stop yesterday during a busy day's door electioneering in his constituency, Antrim North. In 1987, the Democratic Unionist Party leader had a majority of 23,234

Paisley roars his way to victory

BY EDWARD GÓRMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

YOU have to be fit to keep up with the Rev Ian Paisley. At just 65, he is in fighting form, relishing yet another election — his fifteenth of various kinds - and another he will surely win hands down like all of the day. Instead, he hu-mours the housewives with the others but one.

Mr Paisley is an old pro when it comes to electione ing. He storms round his constituency, stomping his way up neat bungalow drive-ways, his voice booming a terrifying greeting as he

In rural north Antrim where he is defending a 23,000 majority, he does not waste much time discussing politics on the doorstep because, as he points out, people

1967 result: The Rev I R K Paisley (DUP) 28,383 (68.7%); S Farren (SDLP) 5,149 (12.5%); G Williams (All) 5.140 (12.4%); S Resignif (PSF) 2,633 (6.4%). DUP majority: 1923,234 (56.2%).

his huge presence and his irrepressible sense of fun. "You will be voting for my wife's husband on April 9,

won't you?" he instructs cooing old ladies. To others he nands a wee cross on the ballot paper for the DUP — it's the kiss of life, he says with

Then he is off in the downyour, leaving constituents stunned in his wake, trudging his way through the sodden Randalstown, dressed in a

brown raincost and a deerstalker hat topped off with a brown ribbon. Underneath. he is wearing a dark suit and black shoes and, for some reason, white socks. Running to keep up with

him and sosked to the skin, I suggest this might not be the best weather for doorstepping. Not a bit of it, he bellows. This is "limited sunshine". He said he hever does any exercises careful and days. like this at election time and his health up for all those

aspiring leaders of Northern Ireland fundamentalist Prot-estants is a glass of cider vinegar every morning, taken with a teaspoon of honey.

By now we have reached Emma Black's house. She virtually shrieks when she sees the "big man" trundling up to her front door. "You will be voting for me on the Thursday week," he booms. Oh yes, Mrs Black has a soft spot

for Mr Paisley. Sixteen years ago he sorted out the plan-ning permission for the house she now lives in and she has been grateful to him ever since. But now she has a new problem, the drainage in the

Fix you the water in the drive, or I won't be voting for you," she says in her dipped Antrim accent, laughing at her inpertinence. "She is a great woman," Mr Paisley recalls later. "She used to bake bread. I'll get some

Then we stop for tea and cakes at the farmhouse home of the DUP's local organiser in the area. Mr Paisley is. tickled pink with his campaign poster, a pile of which he has brought with him for distribution in the village. They show him with cienched fist outstretched in a pose adopted by Edward Carson, the great Unionist leader of the early years of this century. The shot was reconstructed last week especially for the election. Underneath are the words: "We will not have Dublin rule. For God and

I suggest he looks a bit like Lenin at the barricades during the October Revolution. Typical of a man from The Times," he replies. He recalls being invited to lunch at the newspaper in the early Seventies. It was a time, he said, when he still had all his teeth. He remembers the journalists trying to tame him, to "clean me", but they failed. "I was very insincere that day," he said, "and just cracked jokes and laughed at them and -

Soapbox returns in hi-tech campaign

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The soapbox is back, but its role is more symbolic than practical, writes Philip Howard

the humble old soapbox is emerging as the most potent stage prop in an election meant to be dominated by soundbites, portable telephones, photo ops, and stage sets like flashy television chat shows. The prime minister climbed up on his soapbox again at Chester yesterday, to demonstrate his populism and virility, qualities the soapbox quacks felt he was not getting across by newerfangled media.

as tub stands to pulpit. The former are radical and vulgar eminences; the latter are establishment. Since they organised themselves into civil society, humans have erected wooden platforms from which orators could stand out above the common herd, at the same time making them vulnerable to heckling and rotten fruit. The Romans used rostra, the beaked prows of ships they had taken from the Antiates in 338 BC, as pulpits for their orators in the forum at Rome. Rostrum is still an old-fashioned English name for a gent's soapbox.

The British devised three

wooden erections for orators

who wanted to talk a lot without much interruption. These are the soapbox or tub. the portable stage of itinerant actors, and the hangman's ladder. The soapbox that arrived in England in the 17th century was merely a small container with a lid found on wash-stands, and useless for any but Lilliputian oratory. The soapbox solid enough to stand on emerged about a century ago, almost certainly in the United States. The first recorded written citation is in Jack London's novel of 1907, The Road: "I get up on a soapbox to trot out the particular economic bees that buzz in my bonnet." Soap, being heavy, needs a solid wooden crate to hold the bars. The soapbox was a free podium or dais available to Joe Soap (no relation) in any corner drugstore. Thereafter soapbox oratory became a common term on both sides of the Atlantic Soapboxes can still be seen in action at Speakers' Corner and Tower Hill at lunchtime, though today's unofficial orators tend to have folding metal platforms with steps.

In England tub, as a contemptuous term for a pulpit for nff-raff noncomformists and hedge preachers, goes back to the Civil War. It carries connotations of bombast and tub-thumping, but preachers as potent as John Bunyan and the Wesleys used

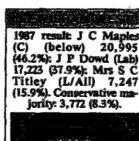
In 1992, the soapbox has become a designer soapbox, and its use is symbolic more than practical. Its main purpose is as a demotic symbol amid the hubbub for screechbites and photo-flashes on the television election news. Never underestimate the power of an old symbol

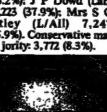
Heseltine cuts a dashing figure

JUST in case John Maples was being too genteel about putting over the Conservatives' case in his marginal southeast London constituency, Michael Heseltine dropped by yesterday to make it clear to the voters of Lewisham West that business was business and unless they backed the boy Maples then he would have to get tough. No more Mr Nice Guy. He had brought David Mellor

Mr Maples, an old-style Tory who is being shoved in front of more and more cameras and microphones because colleagues see him as the human face of the Treasury, had spent the morning ambling down Cranston Road, a terrace of three-bedroom houses in Forest Hill. He shook hands with whoever was at home: mostly pensioners, who liked him, the unemployed, who didn't, and an undressed man who claimed to be doing some unspecified shift work.
Mr Maples smiles well,

punctuating his easy pave-ment chis-chat with wild zig-ragging sprints across the street every time one of his







helpers finds somebody at home, hoping to reach the constituents before they shut

their doors again.

Mr Maples has a majority
of 3,772, and "a couple of
thousand have dropped off the voters' register because of their refusal to pay the poll tax and that must work in our favour. They were probably Labour voters." So he is cautiously optimistic about hold-ing his seat. But there are

basic rules of politics that improve the odds: "Always close the gate behind you," Mr Maples confided, aware that closed front gates and a courteous manner win more

votes than lectures about environment policy.

Then, arriving with all the urgency of Dyno Rod to the scene of a drain-clearing emergency, the Smiling-Talk-ing-Greeting-Walking-Living-Photo-Opportunity Mr Heseltine descended on Forest Hill and got straight to work. He shook his first doubter's palm within two steps of leaving his Daimler. "Hello, I'm Michael Hesel-

tine. I hope you'll be support-ing John Maples, your Con-servative candidate. Hello. Very Good. Hello. Where do we go? Yes. Yes. Hello. This is a copy of Labour's tax plans. I've no doubt that people want John Major and low taxes. Hello. Jolly good."
While Mr Maples thinks

gate-closing is next to godliness, to Michael Heseltine silence is next to socialism. He talks constantly and walks in photogenic angular poses, missing a beat only once, when a well-wisher handed

him a copy of Hygiene Today. Moving his entourage to Cat-ford shopping centre, he continued his odd gait, smile and rat-a-tat chatter, walking into Formica-covered sandwich bars as if that's the sort of thing he does most days.
"Hello. I'm Michael Heseltine: Vote For John Maples."
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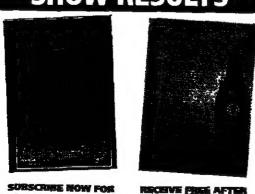
long enough to shake hands, smile, mention his and Maples, names and then walk on. Maybe 1 2 seconds in all. The fastest endorser in politics. It leaves many voters bewil-dered and the chatry ones unsatisfied. He enters a crowd like a ram let loose in a field of ewes in season, spending just enough time with each to tup them, then moving on to the next, doing a serviceable job buf not dilly-

dallying when its done.

Mr Maples was suddenly part of the Forest Hill scenery, quietly consoling those voters who were left wanting more. He learned another rule of politics: along with closing gates and talking constantly, a rising Conservative star should think twice before acting with children, animals or Michael Heseltine.

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VOX POP by Peter Barnard

People power on the end of a telephone Norman Lamont was tele-phoned yesterday by a woman that the training budget had indeed

from Grantham, but not the woman from Grantham, with a question about inflation. As part of his answer, the Chancellor trotted out the familiar boast: that British inflation is lower than that of Germany. At which point Jonathan Dimbleby intervened to say that surely the British rate excluding mortgages was being compared with the German rate including mortgages. That is correct," Mr Lamont replied. "So you are comparing ba-nanas with apples," Dimbleby said. This was the first time Mr Lamont had admitted that the comparison with Germany was not strictly valid. but it was not the first time that a phone-in programme, in this case Election Call, had wrong-footed a

politician. On Monday, John Prescott admitted on the programme that prices were likely to rise as a consequence of the proposed minimum wage. And last week, Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said

been cut. Election Call goes out simulta-neously on BBC1 and Radio 4 every morning. Eighteen telephonists are each fielding an average of 30 to 35

calls every day, so up to 630 callers are competing to ask one of about a dozen questions that get on air. I have not always been a fan of phone ins, but there is no doubt that the technique obliges politi-cians to answer the questions that

are put to them. Politicians often get away with fobbing off journalists in set-piece interviews with replies that start "I think the real question is ..." That sometimes works because the public dislikes journalists and politicians more or less equally, so a zealous interview-

er can be accused of bullying. Ordinary people are voters and voters have to be respected. Dimbleby told me after yesterday's programme: "I'm certain politicians are acutely aware that the viewer or listener has thought through the question and expects a direct an-

my operating, so to speak, in that if the question is avoided I am there to pick it up. Politicians definitely behave differently on a phone-in. They have to be more courteous because people will judge the politi-cian partly on how they behave towards members of the public."

there is further benfit from a much more arbitrary structure. Election Call starts at 9.05. The telephone lines are open at 8am and calls continue throughout the programme, with producers editing them live. So whereas a set-piece interview has a logical intellectual progression which in some ways helps the person being interviewed, questions on a live phone-in are coming in an arbitrary way, with the politician having no prior

"The phone-in is really the modern equivalent of the hustings," Dimbleby says. "In some ways phone-ins are better because at a public meeting a skilled politician

can turn a heckler to his advantage, using the rest of the audience as support. But a phone-in is just the aller and the politician."

Channel 4's Midnight Special election programme is also using

phoned-in questions, with three lines jammed for most of the show. However, the impact is lessened because the questions are taken down and passed to Vincent Hanna, the presenter. On Sunday's BBC 1 programme, On The Record, Dimbleby will interview all three party leaders and on three days next week the leaders are appearing separately on Election Call. It will be interesting to see if the public can extract from them more than the professionals can. With the par-ties so close, a gaffe like Margaret Thatcher's flummoxed response to a caller in 1983 about the sinking of the Belgrano could, with subsequent coverage in news bulletins, give people-power real significance.

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Straw: "Remark shows extraordinary blindness"

A suggestion by Kenneth Clarke that teachers opposed to the Conservatives were "voting for a quiet life" provoked an angry response from Labour and the big teacher unions yesterday.

The outburst by the education secretary came as he responded to an ICM poll which indicated that 51 per cent of the country's 450,000 teachers would vote Labour and that only 20 per centwould support the Tories.

Mr Clarke said: "I hope that the teachers voting against us are not all voting for a quiet life or to be allowed to keep on with practices which have not been successful or that they are fearful of being more exposed on the performance of their own schools to public scrutiny." The education secretary

The education secretary's insinuation that teachers who support Labour are voting for a quiet life has caused uproar, Nicholas Wood reports

also said that Tory-voting teachers were those with the greatest commitment to raising standards in the classroom.

"The teachers who are supporting us are those who want to get back to teaching the basics properly, who know that a sensible way of teaching does involve correcting the pupils' errors, imparting to them knowledge, testing their progress and acquiring skills."

Jack Straw, Labour's education The Conservatives had been the spokesman, said Mr Clarke's remost popular party among teach-

who lose their seats next Thursday in marginal constituencies will be very angry with him." Doug McAvoy, general secre-tary of the National Union of marks were an astonishing insult to teachers and reminiscent of his gaffe as health secretary about

Teachers, said that Mr Clarke's remarks were an outrageous slur on the teaching profession. "Yet again, we have ill-informed criticism from Mr Clarke of the teachers who have struggled against all the odds and his refusal to fund the schools properly.

ers in 1974, 1979 and 1983, Mr

Straw added. "It shows great inep-

titude by him. A lot of Tory MPs

office in alienating what was tradi-tionally a Conservative "Teachers have never had a quiet life. Their criticism of the Conservative party is based on its inadequate funding for children, the fact that the government has

consistently refused to fund its own reforms, to allow the schools to have the books and resources and teachers they need. Instead of that we have had teachers being made redundant and rising class

"Mr Clarke cannot suggest that only 20 per cent of teachers care about their children's education. It's difficult to find a teacher who doesn't care. Its words like these that are making teachers turn against the Conservative party."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secre-tary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said that Mr Clarke was talking unadulterated rubbish. "It tells us more about Mr Clarke than about teachers. If he goes on like this, he will lose the 20 per cent who still seem to want to vote Conservative."

At the Tories' morning press conference, Mr Clarke said that on the question of money alone, Britain had just about the best education system in the world. Spending as a proportion of gross national product was 4.6 per cent. higher than Japan and Germany.

He argued that what differenti-ated the Conservatives from the other parties was their concentration on raising standards. Measures such as the national curriculum, examination league tables, regular national testing and a wider variety of schools were aimed at reversing the harm done by 20 years of socialist dogma and progressive teaching methods.

Labour schools pledges

£448m boost for books and buildings

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR unveiled a £448 million programme yesterday to modernise schools and provide more books, smaller classes and better buildings. Much of the money, which is for England alone, would be spent on repairing crumbling buildings and ensuring that pupils no longer had to use outside lavatories.

The money, part of the £600 million that Labour has pledged to spend on education over the next 22 months. would double spending on school books, fund a national reading programme and provide extra scientific equip-ment. Labour would also introduce regulations to outlaw classes of more than 40

Launching the costed plans in Salford, Greater Manchester, yesterday, Neil Kinnock sald that pupils were getting neither the stability nor the support they needed after 13 years of ceaseless experiments and continued under-investment. Britain was investing a lower proportion of national wealth in education than in 1979.

"Britain's schools are more and more dependent on funds raised by parents and more and more divided by schemes that favour a tiny minority and disadvantage the rest," the Labour leader said. "These realities of a twotier schooling system mock the very idea of the classless society that the Conservatives say they want to create." It was time to get back to the basics — more qualified teachers, new books and bet-

ter buildings, he said. Jack Straw, shadow education secretary, who shared the platform, gave a detailed breakdown of how the £448 million would be spent. He was deliberately vague on how much of the remainder would go to Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and how much would go into a

contingency fund. A Labour government would boost present capital spending on schools by more than a fifth, injecting £100 million into an emergency fund for immediate repairs. he said. The Audit Commission has estimated the maintenance backlog at £2 billion while local education authorities say the figure is nearer

£4.5 billion. Within the first 12 months, Labour would add £80 million, £10 per child, to the existing budget for books of £95 million. A further £20 million would go towards developing a national programme to help to raise reading standards and £60 million would go on extra scientific equipment. Labour would also set up a £10 million fund to help to pay for thousands of "mentor" teachers to help guide new teachers in their probationary year. Other measures in the £448 million package include a £58 million childcare scheme, a

self-financing plan to scrap student loans and restore grants and a further £20 million to supplement the stu-dent vacation hardship scheme and to provide targeted housing assistance. Labour is committed to providing nursary education

for all three and four year olds within eight years. About £50 million would be provided in the first year to fund 20,000 places by transferring money earmarked for city technology However an estimated

250,000 places would have to be provided by 2000 to fulfil Labour's pledge, which has yet to be fully costed.

Challenged over the Liberal Democrats' pledge to boost education spending by £2 billion, funded by an extra 1p on income tax, Mr Straw said that such proposals were made in fairyland by a party that would not form a

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School inspector: Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, on an afternoon visit to the Zakariya Muslim girls high school in Batley, after a walkabout in the West Yorkshire town yesterday. Batley and Spens is held by the Conservatives with a 1,362 majority

Repairs will have to wait

By JOHN O'LEARY

LABOUR'S immediate spending plans for education would do no more than dent most of the problems the party is trying to address. Only outside lavatories and classes of more than 40 pupils would disappear within a year.

Some of the party's com-mitments would not be fulfilled in a full term of a new parliament. The guarantee of a nursery place for every three and four-year-old whose parents wanted it will not apply until the year 2000, for example, and there is no date offered for achieving the party's target of maximum class sizes of 30 pupils.

The extra £600 million Labour promises over the first 22 months of a new government would make little impression on an overall education budget of more than £30 billion. Although statistics include no estimates of future local authority spending on education, education department spending alone is already expected to rise by another £800 million in the next two years.

Some of the ten pledges for English education in yesterday's statement, it's Time to Modernise our Schools, claim only to make a start on particular areas of funding. Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, agreed yesterday that it would take years to clear the backlog of school repairs that is acknowledged by all parties.

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Pupil-teacher ratio

Parents want smaller classes

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

WHILE the parties swap plans for reform of school inspection and champion the latest scheme for slow readers, parents' prime concern remains the size of classes.

Two-thirds of parents interviewed for a Channel 4 poll rated a cut in class sizes as the most important change needed in primary schools. The proportion rose to 71 per cent among Tory voters.

Source DETER

yesterday in its press conference on education, but none of the parties has been prepared to put a date on progress towards maximum classes of 30. Pressure groups led by the Campaign for State Education have been lobbying hard for such a limit.

Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, has promised to ban classes of 40 or more in his first year in office, Labour took up the theme reducing the maximum to 35

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Japan	89.3	5.0
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Sweden	83.1	7.2
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within five years. The number of pupils per teacher fell during the Eighties, as the products of the baby boom left school, but the past two years have seen the start of a new rise. Mr Straw said that, compared with three years ago, 100,000 more pupils

were in classes of over 30. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, has dismissed class size as a minor issue. He said that only 9.000 children were in classes of 40 and 80,000 in classes of more than 35.

Almost a quarter of children in English primary schools are in classes of more than 30. In Scotland, the size of infant classes is limited by law to 33. Denmark and The Netherlands have maximums of 27 pupils per class, and no European member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development has as large an average class size as the United Kingdom.

The importance of small classes remains a matter of dispute among educationists. but the increasing popularity of independent schools for young pupils suggests that parents are convinced.

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Defence strategy

Big parties unsure on forces costs

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE government threw defence into the election arena last night with a party political broadcast devoted totally to Conservative defence strategy for the

Defence has not been a dominating political issue in the election campaign partly because of the belief that the policies of the main parties are now so close they do not merit the same dissection applied to the health service and tax policies. The Conservatives, however, are trying to point out the differences, raising the old accusation that

defence is not safe in Labour's hands. Labour has come a long way towards bridging the gap between the two main parties on the key areas of defence strategy. However, there remains one fundamental question that needs answering by both sides. Since there appears to be no prospect of an early peace Cold War, how will the next government fund its defence programme? Tom King, the defence secretary, says

that the proposed reorganisation of the armed forces under his Options for Change review, has been fully costed. The army is to be cut from 156,000 to 116,000 and the number of infantry battalions reduced from 55 to 38. He has promised smaller but better equipped forces. However, long-term costings are kept secret and procurement programmes may suffer delays, as they have in the past, when the Treasury

looking for savings. Martin O'Neill, Labour defence spokesman, has confirmed that a Labour government will hold a six-month review before announcing its plans for the armed forces. But last week he said he did not believe there would be fur-

dividend arising from the ending of the ther cuts in the forces. With Labour's plans for big spending in other areas such as education and health, it may be asked where the extra cash will come from to keep the armed services properly manned and equipped?

The Conservatives accuse Labour of planning a 27 per cent cut in the defence budget, which they say would be catastrophic for the armed services and for the defence industry. That figure, however, is based on resolutions passed at Labour party conferences which called for the defence budget to be reduced to the average level of that of other European members of Nato. Neil Kinnock and Mr O'Neill have said that conference wishes would be ignored.

The truth is, that unless the country's economy picks up, the defence budget is likely to come under increasing strain whichever party wins the election.

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Bonn defence chief quits over export of tanks to Turkey

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

GERHARD Stoltenberg, one of Germany's trusted cabinet members, decided to step down as defence minister yesterday after failing to follow orders to prevent the delivery of 15 tanks to Turkey. He is the third German defence minister to resign under a cloud since 1955, when the Bundeswehr was first allowed to rearm.

It is an indication of how difficult and sensitive the portfolio is in postwar Germany. His successor will be Volker Rühe, the forceful sec-Christian Democrats, who represents a new generation of German politicians. Pressure for Herr Stolten-

berg's resignation has been building up since news leaked out last week that the tanks had been delivered in defiance of instructions from a Bundestag committee. The minister, with a solid reputation for integrity and efficiency, found himself publicly accused of either dishonesty or incompetence. His critics alleged that he had either deliberately ignored the Bun-destag or did not know what



Rühe: hint of change in Kohi's stolid cabinet

His damaged reputation suffered even more on Monday when he refused to accept personal responsibility for what had happened and, instead, accepted the resignation of the senior civil servant in charge of the deal. He said yesterday that he had done nothing wrong but that after extensive consultations with friends and party colleagues he had come to the conclusion that he had to resign in the interests of the party. At a

Police raid former communists' homes

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

IN A co-ordinated dawn raid, 500 police swooped on the homes and offices of former East German leaders in and around Berlin yesterday. They were hunting for evidence of the old communist regime's shoot-to-kill orders which led to the deaths of 200 East Germans trying to escape to the West.

The state prosecutor's office is under pressure to draw up formal charges of manslaughter against Erich Hon-ecker, the former East German leader. He fled to Moscow more than a year ago to escape a warrant under which he could be held for questioning. Since then, despite intensive investigations, it has not been possible to link him or any of his aides with the shoot-to-kill order.

In all, 38 properties besearched yesterday in Berlin Brandenburg, Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt They included those of Egon Krenz, who succeeded Herr Honecker briefly as East Germany's leader, and Gunter Mittag, a former senior politburo member. About 200 officers searched the archives of the Communist party headquarters. The party, which was reformed after unification,

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Chefs take

their

hero home

LYONS chefs claimed re-

sponsibility yesterday for the theft of a wax figure of the famous chef, Paul Bocuse,

from a Paris waxworks muse-

um, saying the Lyonnaise master should remain in

P.J. Patterson, aged 56, has

been sworn in as Jamaica's

sixth prime minister. "Jamai-

cans from all walks of life

wish to see the progress in measurable terms," he said.

Maestro Alberto Zedda, aged 63. a former director of New

York City Opera, was named

artistic director of Milan's La

Scala, Italy's most prestigious

The British research scientist

Thomas Brooke Benjamin,

aged 62, and the American

computer scientist Donald

Knuth, aged 54, have been

named as foreign associates

to the French Academy of

Tammy Wynette, the country

opera house.

complained in an open letter yesterday that the government was trying to criminalise its members. Among those under suspi-

cion of being involved with the order, are Erich Mielke, the former head of state security, who is on trial for the murder of two policemen more than 50 years ago. Other suspects include Willi Stoph, the long-serving East German prime minister, Harry Tisch, the East German trade union leader, and Heinz Kessler, the former defence minister.

No formal charges have been laid against any of them but, apart from Herr Honecker, all are in prison while enquiries continue. Herr Honecker, who has been granted asylum in the Chilean ambassador's residence in Moscow since last December, has said he will conside returning to Germany to stand trial only if and when charges against him are

properly drawn up.

The federal prosecutor in Karisruhe has opened an investigation into allegations that a former West German minister, currently sitting in the Bundestag, was a Stasi agent and is now working for the successor to the KGB.

press conference, Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor and CDU leader, backed his one-time rival. The decision to go was a personal one, the chancellor said, and the party would certainly have supported Herr Stoltenberg if he had decided to stay. However, after reading the

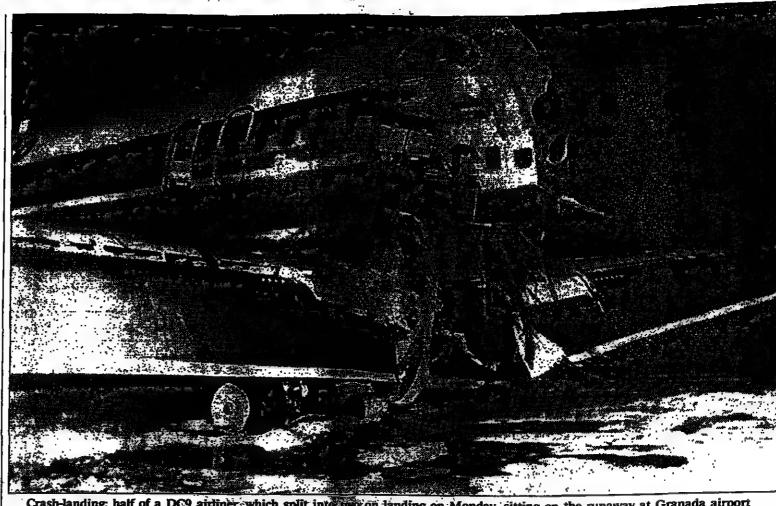
widespread press condemnation of Herr Stoltenberg's behaviour yesterday, the chanto see him go. His reluctant departure may have been in the party's long-term interests but the affair cannot have helped the CDU's already slim chances in Sunday's state election in Schleswig-Holstein, where he served as prime minister for over a de-

The promotion of Herr Rühe to such a senior post may be indicative of a change of style in Herr Kohl's stolid cabinet. The new defered minister, aged 49, has a tougher, right-wing approach than older members of the coalition cabinet. He has made no secret of the fact that he wants to inherit the foreign ministry from Hans-Dietrich Genscher before long and he is not shy of trampling on a few toes to get what he wants.

His combatative style is very different from that of Herr Stoltenberg, aged 63, who has shown an almost aristocratic politeness throughout his long political career. His departure, after 25 years as federal cabinet minister or state prime minister, marks the end of an era. He was only 37 in 1965 when he was brought into the cabi-net as minister for science and research. Herr Kohl at that time was no more than the local party chairman in the Rhineland Palatinate.

When Herr Kohl out-manocurred him to become chancellor he was entrusted with the all-important finance ministry where he was initially highly successful. He masterminded a complicated tax reform package, reduced government borrowing to a record low and, for a while, drove inflation down to a negative growth rate. He was well in front of Herr Kohl in opinion polls. However, the tax reforms proved difficult to and inflation rose and his popularity waned. He was demoted in 1989 to the unpopular defence ministry.

Since unification he has had to integrate the former East German army into the Bundeswehr, preside over the largest ever cuts in the de-fence budget and battle inside his own cabinet for the funds to maintain a credible



on landing on Monday, sitting on the runaway at Granada airport of when a tyre of the Spanish Aviaco airliner burst on touchdown

Israeli president leads synagogue meeting in Spain

King embraces Jews' return

expulsion of the Jews from Spain, King Juan Carlos of Spain, yesterday held a reencuentro (new meeting) with the Jewish people, represented by Chaim Herzog, the president of Israel, in the Madrid synagogue. The king is descended from Queen Isabella and King Fer-

dinand, who decided in 1492 'after much deliberation" to forder all Jews out of our kingdom, never to return". For the present king, as for many modern Spaniards, this was highly regrettable, and he has agreed to visit Israel to make amends. But the king avoided a dir-

ect apology for his ancestors' move, taken during the Span-ish Inquisition, which gave the Jews in Spain a blunt choice: exile, or baptism. Israel wants formal repentance by Spain, and a repeal of the 1492 edict at a ceremony in Jerusalem on its anniversary. But Spain, having ipso facto repealed the edict in 1812, permitted any religion under the 1978 constitution and established diplomatic tions with Israel in 1986, chose instead to organise yesterday's symbolic meetins

The word Sephardi comes from "Sepharad", the Hebrew for Spanish. Sephardi dignatories, whose people now number nearly 3 million worldwide, descended from the 165,000 who fled, also took part in the ceremony on the second day of President Herzog's first state visit to

Spain.
"I will not ask apologies for

To the relief of the royal family, Israel is not pressing for a Spanish apology for Jewish expulsions 500 years ago, Edward Owen writes in Madrid

what happened 500 years ago, because no one in Spain today is responsible for that tragedy," he said on arrival, to the relief of the Spanish royal family and Spanish diplometer

Spain is organising Sepharad 92, an important cultural and architectural programme to rediscover the history of the Jews in Spain, as part of the fifth centennial celebrations of Christopher Columbus's voyage. The exploration was part financed by Jews and conversos (Jews no became Christians).

"All Jews in my realms are mine and under my care and protection and it belongs to me to defend and aid them and keep justice." Isabelia-said in 1477. Both she and Ferdinand had Jewish physicians. But their Catholic subjects resented the apparent ease with which Jews ob-On March 31, 1492

rulers issued their edict in Granada as a religious act, to give thanks for the capture of the city from the Moors. The Lord has put this thing into the heart of the king," said Isabella. Appeals to her to rescind the Jewish

expulsions were successfully deflected by the infamous Torquemada, the Grand Inquisitor. Many of those Jews Jews to leave Spain

who stayed became just as successful as conversos; the rabbi of Burgos became first its bishop and then a papal legate and the new archbishop of Granada was also a former Jew. Several conversos also became Spain's most revered saints, including Teresa of Avila. On the other hand

verting "falsely" suffered persecution through auto de fs.
The choice of Spain for last
year's Middle East peace conference underlined the course



Isabella: forced all the

Yeltsin hails red letter day

tion as a communal home for Christians, Arabs and Jews. Today Mr Herzog is to visit a new Sephardi museum in Toledo, the city near Madrid to which many Sephardis make a pilgrimage, seeking their Toledo is refounding the famous thirteenth century

school of translators, a symbol of an age in which Christians, Jews and Muslims lived together in harmony. The school will be part of the university of Castilla-la Mancha. The Jews who left Toledo

founded Sephardi communities around the world, some of which still speak "Ladino", an archaic form of Spanish. Toledo itself, meanwhile, has hardly any Jews.

President Herzog visited the Corter and lunched with Pelipe González, the prime minister. Mr Herzog was also given a golden key to Madrid the mayor, Jose Maria Alvarez del Manzano.

The tone was marred however by the appearance in Toledo of anti-Semitic posters, apparently put up by far-right groups. "The Spanish Socialist government is ashamed of our history" one

In Rome, militant Jews gathered yesterday in front of the Vatican to hold up banners reading "A curse on Isabel". They were protesting against alleged Vatican plans to beatify the queen later this year, on the grounds that she spread Christianity to the

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brought everyone to their feet. Of the 88 territorial units

which make up the Russian

Federation, only Tatarstan,

the republic to the east of

Moscow which voted ten days

ago for independent status in

nternational law, and the

rebel Checheno-Ingushetia

were absent. Bashkiria, now

called Bashkortostan, whose

parliament had rejected the

treaty, agreed to sign subject

to amendments being ap-

Ukraine church seeks to separate

dox church opened a five-day synod here yesterday to examine a request by the church's Ukrainian wing to become autonomous from the Moscow patriarchate.

Metropolitan Filaret of Kiev several months ago sent a letter to Alekvis II, the Patriarch of Moscow and All the Russias, asking that the Ukrainian church no ionger be dependent on the hierarchy in Moscow Sources said the separation

was purely a technical request to become self-governing and in principle did not involve any problems. The closeddoor meeting is also to decide on several canonisations, and will discuss relations between the Orthodox Church and

France fined

Strasbourg: The European Human Rights Court fined France £15,490 for being slow in examining a request for indemnity by a man who thi Aids from a blood transfusion. The man died in February but his parents pursued the case. (AFP)

Tense relations

Berne: Strained relations between Switzerland and Iran have worsened after Switzerland, claiming a reciprocal act, ordered Iranian diplomais to stay within 25 miles of Berne. They also asked for news of a Swiss diplomat held in Tehran. (APP)

Off the rails

Pairls: Striking transport workers brought the new train to Euro-Disneyland to a halt, forcing Paul Quiles, the transport minister, to go to the inauguration ceremony by car. Workers are complaining about conditions and demand more pay. (AP)

Nuclear risk

Sofia: Outdated Soviet-built reactors at Bulgaria's Kozloduy nuclear plant pose an unacceptable safety risk, Jukka Laaksonen, chairman of an International Atomic Energy Agency committee studying safety of Soviet-built reactors, said. (Reuter)

Fighting back

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia is to set up a task force to counter Western accusations that it has failed to control logging. Officials have complained that environmentalists have disrupted the unloading of timber in European ports. (Reuter)

Iragis rewarded Baghdad: President Saddam

Hussein has halved the jail terms of prisoners who jeered at United Nations inspectors searching their jail on suspicion that it was part of Iraq's nuclear programme, the official daily al-Qadissiyah said (Reuter)

Bridge attacked

Nairobi: Oromo Liberation Front rebels, who demand the presence of United Nations observers at Ethiopian elections, have blown up a bridge linking Addis Ababa and an eastern town, increasing tension between rebels and the government.

Stricken mother goes back to win votes in Italian poll

A WOMAN whose son was kidnapped by bandits in Calabria and held for two years has returned to the depressed southern region, providing a much-needed boost to the local image of the governing Christian Democrat party. Angela Casella became a national heroine, known as "Mother Courage", when

she spent 16 days touring the villages of the Aspro-monte mountain on the toe of Italy demanding the re-lease of her son, Cesare. For ten days she lived in a tent in the remote village of Plati; she chained her-self to railings and local women staged demonstrations of support. The or-deal ended on January 30 1990 when the kidnappers fled from Carabinieri troops and Cesare escaped

after 743 days of captivity. Signora Casella said she sees her candidature as a Christian Democrat for the senate in the constituency of Lamezia Terme as a way of repaying ordinary Calabrians for their solidarity during the drama.

"The people here gave me so much affection," she said as she prepared for another foray into moun-tain villages under heavy police escort. "They were so close to me when my son was kidnapped. They com-forted me. Calabria entered into my heart."

Yesterday Cesare, now 22, interrupted his university studies at the family home in the northern city of Pavia to join his mother on the hustings during the final stages of the cam-paign before the polls open

Christian Democrats get a much needed boost from a heroine who is standing on an anti-kidnap ticket, John Phillips writes from Lamezia



Signora Casella admits she has few new ideas on how to restore law and order other than by encouraging people to speak out and break omerto, the malia code of silence. But her campaign is a public relations victory for the Christian Democrats who are desperately trying to shake off their traditional image of being inextricably tied up at the local level with the tentacles of organ-ised crime. Signora Casella is a life-long Christian

Democrat supporter.
The Christian Democrats won 40 percent of the Calabrian vote at the last general election in 1987. This time they face a new challenge in the region from an alliance of four opposition parties - the (former Communist) Democrat Party of the Left, the Republicans, the Greens and the 'Rete' (network) anti-mafia movement founded by Leoluca Oriando, a former Christian

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the region. Lamezia, a conglomerate of three commercial towns with 80,000 inhabitants in the foothills of the Sila mountains is not known as a centre for the kidnappers of the Ndrangheta, the Ca-labrian version of the

But unemployed young people are increasingly drawn into violent crime. On February 10 a police superintendent, Salvatore Aversa, was shot and killed together with his wife, Lucia. Last month their grave was desecrated in the

Lamezia cemetery.
Piles of rubbish lie rotting on the dusty pave-ments of the towns. Two people were killed in a bat-tle between rival companies linked to the mob competing to win a lucrative contract to clean the streets. The interior ministry dissolved Lamezia's municipal council last year because seven councillors
— more of them Socialists than Christian, Democrats - were suspected of collu-sion with the mafia.

as Russian treaty is signed FROM MARY DEJEVERY IN MOSCOW ALL BUT two of the republics the signing was completed by the president himself there also signed in their own right. and regions which make up Mr Yeltsin said it was "a red letter day in the history of our was a light burst of applause. before the first chords of the

the Russian Federation committed themselves yesterday to preserving the unity of their state by signing the Rus-sian Federal Treaty. Fruit of more than a year's negotiation, the treaty is seen by Russian leaders as vital to staving coff- centrifugal tendencies within Russia similar to those which led to the break-up of the Soviet Union. As final preparations for the signing ceremony were in hand, there was further good news for the Russian leadership with reports from one of the two dissenting republics. the north Caucasus region of Checheno-Ingushetia, that the rebel regime of General

Dzhokhar Dudayev might be on the verge of collapse. President Yeltsin, visibly satisfied to have achieved a treaty of the kind that had eluded Mikhail Gorbachev, presided over an hour-long ceremony in the Kremlin's splendid St George's Hall. More than 100 local leaders were seated around a long table, beneath sparkling crystal chandeliers, to place their

signatures on the treaty. The representatives sat in strict order, first the republics, then the larger regions (krais), then the smaller regions (oblasts) and finally the autonomous regions, each group in alphabetical order. As the two copies of the treaty were brought around, the name of each region was an-nounced, followed by the names of those who would sign it. The cities of Moscow and St Petersburg, which have the status of regions,

state". He said: "The base of Russian statehood will be the freedom of the republics and regions, their rights and powers, their responsibility before their citizens, Russia and the whole world ... We have enough strengh to enable us to avert the threat of Russia's disintegration."

Many of the local officials

appeared almost bursting with pride, allowing themselves a slight smile as they were handed the official pen and the red-bound volume was laid before them. When proved by its parliament.

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Dzhokhar Dudayev stormed

the broadcasting centre, oc-

cupied by pro-Russian oppo-

sitions forces in the capital

Emergency declared

in Chechen region BY MARY DEJEVSKY AT LEAST five people were killed and several wounded in Chechen-Ingushetia yesterday when forces loyal to the

Grozny, reports said. The elected assembly declared a state of emergency but there were no details of what the emergency entailed or how long it would last About 5,000 people were reported to have massed in Grozny's central square, both supporters and opponents of the general, many armed. General Dudayev, who became president last autumn

after unauthorised elections, described the opposition challenge as an attempted. coup d'état and appealed to the population to defend their freedom. He accused the opposition of breaking Islam's most sacred rule, that arms should not be taken up or blood spilt during Ramadan.

The Chechens are predominamly Muslim. The self-pro-claimed republic of Chechenia is still officially the autonomous republic of Checheno-Ingushetia, one of the constituent republics of the Russian Federation, but the Dudayev leadership declared the territory independent and refused to sign the Russian Federal Treaty.

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A constitutional change could get Ireland out of a tight spot on abortion

any people suppose that last week's decisions of the Dublin government securely established the right of women to travel and to obtain information relating to abortion. This impression is largely created by the screams of the anti-abortion lobby. Dr Mary Lucey, of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC) claimed last week that as a result of the proposed addendum to Ireland's protocol to the Maastricht Agreement, Ireland will have "the most liberal abortion law in Europe". It will have nothing of the kind. Ireland now has the most ambiguous, confused and dangerous abortion law in Europe, and will have even if the addendum is carried.

Under Irish law the Maastricht Agreement has to be submitted to the people by referendum. The government fears that the anti-abortion lobby, backed by the Catholic church, may mobilise against it the forces that carried the Eighth Amendment (right to life of the unborn) in 1983. The protocol was designed to reassure that lobby. It declares "Nothing in the Treaty on European Union ... shall affect the application in Ireland of Article 40.3.3 of the Constitution of Ireland". This seems to have satisfied the lobby at the time.

But now there is a new danger: that the protocol will not be acceptable to other members of the Community. This danger stems from the international infamy which followed the publicity given to the case of the 14-year-old rape victim prevented by a High Court order from leaving Ireland to obtain an abortion. In order to make the protocol acceptable to other members of the Community, the government thought up last week's addendum: "This Protocol shall not limit freedom to travel between Member States or to obtain, in Ireland, information relating to services lawfully available in Member States."

This negative language refers only to the protocol itself. The protocol shall not limit freedom of travel or freedom of information, but the constitution, as interpreted by the Irish Supreme Court, does limit both freedoms. Through successive Supreme Court decisions, it became a penal offence to circulate information about abortion. Under Community law it is now possible to promote such information, but in private counselling it remains illegal. As for freedom of travel, three out of five judges of the Supreme Court held that it could be restricted in certain circumstances. True, the injunction in the case of the 14-year-old, was struck down, but other injunctions remain possible.

he government is in a tight spot. If it gives ground to the Community, it is in trouble with the church, and vice versa. The church has not denounced the addendum, nor has it called for a new referendum. But the antiabortion lobbyists are loudly doing both. Past experience suggests that the church will take up their demands in due course. The lobbyists demand a referendum on abortion before there is one on Maastricht. If the bishops back that demand, the government will probably concede.

However, Albert Reynolds, the Taoiseach, still has some cards to play. The 1983 referendum could not have been carried by so large a majority had it not been supported by Fianna Fail. The lobbyists are almost certainly a bit weaker now than they were in 1983, partly because of the revulsion among the Irish people over the recent case. Mr Reynolds does not have to let the lobbyists dictate the wording of the referendum as they did in 1983. The lobbylsts (and the bishops) want the constitution amended because it has been found to legalise abortion in certain circumstances. To get that changed, they will swallow things that they would not swallow otherwise. I believe that if the following proposition replaced Article 40.3.3, it would carry by a large majority in a referendum:

"Parliament shall not legislate to permit abortion in the Republic. This Article shall not limit freedom (here insert the wording of the Maastricht Addendum, thereby making it part of the constitution)."

That I believe would satisfy the current state of public opinion in Ireland and get Mr Reynolds out of his tight corner. More important, it would eliminate from the constitution the explosive absolutism of "the right to life of the unborn". and give freedom of movement and information the force of law.

Mass tourism follows close behind programmes like The Camomile Lawn, says Bernard Richards

hat is it Falstaff says in Henry IV Part 1 about camomile: "The more it is trodden on the faster it grows"? But that is true only up to a point Armies of feet will stamp out even the most determined plant, and I imagine the villages on the Cornish coasts are bracing themselves for another wave of enemy assault

on this fragile landscape.
Forget about Hardy's Castle Boterel and Daphne du Maurier's Jamaica Inn, forget about Baring Gould and John Betjeman's St Enedoc, R.S. Hawker's Morwenstow and Virgina Woolf's St Ives: this year the hordes will be in search of Camomile Lawn country, inspired by the television adaptation of Mary Wesley's novel. One more bit of Britain has been put in the thrall of fictional ghosts, and brochure-speak has a new term to add to the list which includes Poldark country. Bergerac country, Heriot country, Bronte country, and Last of the Summer Wine country.

There is something at once perennial and new about the phenomenon which induces people to make pilgrimages, to seek out settings for fictional

Landscapes of the mind

Wuthering Heights was published that tourists started flattening the heather in the pursuit of the scenes of Cathy and Heathcliff's intense courtship. Within his lifetime readers were pestering Thomas Hardy to reveal the whereabouts of Little Hintock, and the author himself gave some support to Hermann Lee's compilation Hardy's Wessex. The more intelligent tourists always realised that you couldn't visit the scenes of a novel, because transformations to a greater or lesser degree had taken place. So, in Balzac's Tours, Henry James "spent a whole morning in wondering rather stupidly which house had figured in Le Cure de Tours. He discovered that nothing fulfilled "all the conditions mentioned in Balzac's description". Such scepticism is rare in literary tourism. Our tourist industry nurtures the hope that the country of the mind can be



As seen on television: Broom Parc in Cornwall

Televised versions of novels extend the desire to visit the original sites. This desire is terribly strong, and the hearts of travel agents and the hard-up owners of stately homes must leap when they behold yet another bit of territory or their own castle annexed for the empire of the imagination. The straightforward TV holiday pro- actual holidaymakers crassly

regard them as a kind of prophylactic against travel: they enable you to write off the desire ever to go to the places they present, whether iceland or Venice, because they infect the whole enterprise with a kind of cheery banality, and in the corners of the screen one can see

and inertly wasting their time. Even places one might have wished to visit can be consigned to oblivion once contaminated by the jaunty signature tunes of some of the programmes.

But The Camomile Lawn is different. Here, and more so in better examples, there is drama, narrative, a landscape soaked not with the grindingly diurnal personality of a Cliff Michelmore but with psychic intensity. a plot that takes you on a vivid јоштеу.

Advertisers must often be in despair that fictions can achieve. incidentally and far more effectively, results to which they devote their undivided efforts. Ordinary holidays are often so plotless that one craves the association of a meaningful sequence. And if the thing is set in the past, it will encourage a bout of nostalgia. The Camomile Lawn comes complete with a Morris 12 with running boards, just like the one my father once sprayed turquoise

with the help of the household vacuum cleaner, and whose leather seats I polished with a lump of beeswax.

Television has intensified literary tourism, because unimaginative readers who in the past used to skip the descriptive bits now see them literally there. Novel readers mentally build their own places, but television settings can be visited. The novels may be located in a sort of no-man's land, but with the screen version one can at least say "this is where the filming of the Terror Run took place", and receive a mild frisson.

Inevitably, though, the liter-ary and televisual pilgrimages are a colossal disappointment: one realises, standing on the site of some dramatic or melodramatic encounter, that one's life is drained, empty, unemotional. banal - for the moment at least. The whole enterprise is doomed. Prufrockian man and his nextdoor-neighbour go to Elsinore for their holidays hoping for purposeful excitement, only to discover that they are not Prince Hamlet, nor are meant to be.

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Britain's slough of despond

Economic prospects are much rosier than the voters realise, argues Anatole Kaletsky

f there were an Olympic event for running down one's own country, Britain would win every time. that could win the Conservatives the election: the justifiable fear that Labour's tax policies would prolong the recession and stunt future economic growth. As this morning's poll in The Times demonstrates, the Tories have so far completely failed to per-suade the electorate that their policies would be any more successful than Labour's in pulling the economy out of reces-sion. But the Tories' inability to capitalise on what used to be an overwhelming advantage in ratings for economic competence was not due solely to the unexpected persistence of the recession, or to Norman Lamont's damp squib of a Budget, or the Conservatives' inability to explain to the voters how Labour's squeeze on the rich would cost working class jobs.

The government seemed to face a more fundamental problem. So black is the despair gripping Britain after two years of slump and two generations of apparent economic failure, that many believe that the economy is even sicker than it was in the 1970s, before the structural reforms of the Thatcher era. As a result, nobody - Conservative, Labour or Liberal Democrat is capable of pulling the country out of the economic morass.

This is the only reasonable conclusion to draw from the debate on the tax and public spending "crisis" allegedly facing the nation. Instead of analysing the costs and benefits of ERM membership, examining the Tory economic record or trying to anticipate the consequences of a Labour government, the media have settled for a bizarre set of ground rules for all economic discussion.

Any politician who wants to be taken seriously must accept the following axioms before he is given a serious hearing: Britain will never fully recover from the present recession: the country is condemned to perpetual mass unemployment, and economic performance will be much worse in the next five years than in any comparable period since the war. "As reasonable and honest people, we can surely take all that for granted," say the pundits. "Now, Norman La-mont and John Smith, please tell us how you will fulfil all your election pledges, in the midst of

That is essentially the message from the much-discussed expose in yesterday's Independent about "the hole at the heart of Conservative and Labour tax and spending plans". The Independent's report was quickly repudiated by all three political parties, but so deep is Britain's spair after its long economic failure, that the report's defeatist assumptions may all too easily infect the last week of election campaigning and - far more dangerously - the decisions of the next government.
The report's most publicised

conclusion was that any new government would have to raise taxes sharply to keep public borrowing within the limits of the Maastricht Treaty on mone tary union. However, the analysis, by accountants Coopers & Lybrand, showed no such thing. It actually confirmed the figures produced by Norman Lamont in the Budget, suggesting that by the end of the next parliament, a Tory government would have a borrowing requirement far below the Maastricht ceiling, a lower ratio of public debt to national income than any other major European country, and generally the strongest fiscal position in Europe.



port also accorded with the analysis of Labour's plans published in The Times on Monday. Labour's "probable and pos-sible" public spending promises were costed at around £27 billion, compared with the Tories' claim that they would reach at least £38 billion. The Coopers analysis therefore supported my conclusion in The Times on Monday: that Labour could finance most of these commitments through additional borrowing while remaining within

the Maastricht guidelines. However, all these reassuring findings are based on a crucial assumption, which Coopers describes as "optimistic". Other media commentators apparentconsidered it so absurdly Panglossian as to be unworthy of discussion. So what is this hadicrously bullish assumption? It is that Britain's economy will start to recover from recession in the second half of this year and then grow from 1993 to 1997 at 3.5 per cent a year. This is

almost exactly the rate achieved in the four years that followed the last recession, which is why the Treaury chose this assumption. It is substantially below the 3.9 per cent growth rate of the four years after the 1974 recession, and far less than the average in cyclical upswings of disaster, with growth averaging the previous 20 years.

o meet the Treasury's growth forecasts, the next government would not have to replicate the inflationary conditions of the Lawson boom, as many commentators seem to think. The Lawson boom, when Britain's growth rate shot up to well over per cent, did not begin until six years after the end of the last recession. In fact, a 3.5 per cent growth rate would be barely sufficient to dent unemployment by the middle of the decade. If the pattern of the 1980s were to be repeated, unemployment would merely stabilise or even continue to rise between 1993 and 1996. With

an economic performance substantially less than the Treaury is assuming, unemployment would continue to rocket, and the gulf between benefit pay-ments and tax receipts would widen as never before.

only 2.5 per cent a year, is what Coopers & Lybrand dubs its "central scenario". Such a weak performance, during what is normally the strong recovery phase of an economic cycle, would be unprecedented in Britain's post-war history. Naturally, it would lead to huge public deficits. But to respond to such deficits by raising taxes or cutting public spending — as most commentators are urging - would be to repeat the economic insanities of the 1930s. When Sir Geoffrey Howe raised taxes to narrow the deficit in the midst of 1981 recession, he simultaneously slashed interest rates and devalued sterling, an option all parties have denied themselves in the years ahead.

no fatal flaw in the tax and spending plans of either the Conservative or the Labour party. It demonstrates merely that the financial solvency of any government, like that of any company, depends on its abi to maintain reasonable growth. If Britain cannot achieve growth rates in the 1990s at least equal to those in the early 1980s, there will indeed be a fiscal crisis. There will also be an unemployment crisis, a financial crisis, a housing crisis and a political crisis. By comparison, the swelling of the public deficit will seem like a weak joke.

The economic question politicians should now be required to answer is who will end the recession sooner and deliver faster economic growth. If the Tories cannot persuade the voters that they are the party of recovery after the obvious threats to prosperity posed by John Smith's shadow budget, they will not win the election and they will not deserve to win.



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hough I acknowledge the risk that it may make you bury your face in your pinny and shrick uncontrollably until help arrives, let me call today's wittering a manifesto. I swear I should not do so were there a more appropriate word, but since manifesto derives from manus (hand) and festus (struck), there is not. Take my word for it. A hand has struck and something must be done about it if civilisation is not to sink irrecoverably into an abyss so beyond our capacity to imagine that even Dante wouldn't know where to start.

On Monday night, we returned from a weekend away with no more than a householder's normal trepidation, ie check all chimneys for sudden absence, turn key in front door, listen for reassuring bleep of undisturbed alarm but keep ear cocked for alien footfall, drip, or crackle, flare nostril for gas, then proceed up stairs and ... and stop

Something was wrong. But its wrongness was not susceptible to the available organs, it was one of those wrongnesses that well up from vague awareness: an unease. I did not know what it was until I came downstairs again and went to collect the suitcase I had left on the step while I opened the door. The suitcase should have been beside something which should have been beside the step. A hydrangea. It had been there for twenty years. It was not there any more. What was there was a large hole. There was just enough light from the hall to see, at the bottom of the hole, a few pitiful white squiggles, snapped off where they still grappled the earth in testament to the fight without which a plucky hydrangea will not give up. A stranger would call them roots. I would call them toes.

For some shrubs you get close to. Some shrubs are family. When we moved into the house in 1972, people came with pot plants: two were hydrangeas, and after the people had gone away again, we planted the infant shrublets either side of the front door, whereafter they were cherished, mulched, fed, and bought regular large ones of aluminium sulphate to keep them blue. They grew, they throve, and they complemented one another bloom for bloom. Now one of them has nothing to complement. I looked at the house this morning, and it was as if it had one ear. Some bastard stole up in the night and stole away again, and what he has stolen is more than a shrub, he has stolen twenty

And he has done even more than that, he has left me at several losses. What kind of bastard can this be? He is clearly not a horticultural bastard, because the plant had already begun to leaf up; it is too late to transplant it, and the bastard will have to shift it quickly if his motive was profit. because if he does not shift it quickly he will be going door to door with a corpse. As you might guess. I have mixed feelings on any of us?

this: while for the plant's sake I want it to live, for the bastard's

But this is only the tip of the confusion he has wrought. Perhaps he was not a professional bastard at all but a neighbourhood amateur, bent on improv-ing his tract at the expense of mine. If so, am I to trudge Cricklewood's verdant lanes, looking for something beloved and wilting so that I can take the bastard by the throat? But, if further so, how will I know if the hydrangea is mine and not a mere victim of some brownfingered nerd? You cannot take people by the throat on such slim evidence, they will croak for the Old Bill even as you throttle. Then there is the question of

what to put in the hole. You

cannot buy a hydrangea as large as the one that went, unless you know a bastard, in which case it will be on its last legs anyhow, so are I to plant a titchy one and wait another 20 years for a matched pair? And, to reach the manifesto part of this manifesto, where were my neigh-bours, the police, the three political parties, when all that digging was going on? In other words, What Is To Be Done? We have grown used to fortifying our houses, so are we now, as things fall even further apart, to start fortifying our gardens, too? Hide mantraps in the aubretia, wire up each rosebush to the local nick, instail a Dobermann

in the rockery?
In short, if even hydrangeas are not safe in their beds, is

Hopkins bottled up

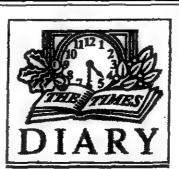
AS stars of the film and theatre world saluted Anthony Hopkins for his Oscar, an altogether quieter celebration was under way at the Quaker meeting house in Lon-don's St Martin's Lane. "He was here all the time last

year and we grew very fond of him," says Diana Galvin, warden of the centre. Hopkins hired a small dimly-lit room at the meeting house to rehearse one of his least known theatrical projects. It was here that he directed an acclaimed but obscure fringe show about Dylan Thomas. For several weeks Hopkins

worked without pay, directing Bob Kingdom in the one-man show. Dylan Thomas: Return Journey. which has just completed a run in New York and returns to Britain shortly. Hopkins conducted rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays and chose the venue, at least in part, because at the time he was also attending meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous in the same building. "He used to go straight from rehearsals into the other meeting," says Mrs Galvin. Hopkins also used to pop upstairs to eat her egg mayonnaise sandwiches between rehearsals.

Mrs Galvin initially let the

centre to Kingdom, who she had seen performing the show in Dub-When someone rang the bell and said 'It's Anthony Hopkins for Dylan Thomas', I thought he was joking." Mrs Galvin, set her alarm at 5 am yesterday to see whether he had won the Oscar. "Of course I celebrated, but I haven't seen the film. Nor do I want to. It's not the sort of thing I would take a coach party of Quakers to see. We prefer to think of Tony as he is. Hannibal Lecter would not fit in very well here at all."



 Celebrations were muted yes terday at Orion Pictures, which made Silence of the Lambs. Management has filed for voluntary bankruptcy, and despite Kevin Costner's smash hit with Dances with Wolves, the 200 remaining staff are to lose their jobs. Despite that, the workforce was still delighted that the film swept the board. "We are going down, but at least we are going down with a bang," says Teresa Musser from the studio in Los Angeles. "We would have a champagne party to celebrate. But we can't afford the champagne and we are still waiting for our thank-you card from Anthony Hopkins."

City snickers

THE beleaguered Lord Hollick. Neil Kinnock's business cheerleader, now faces dissent in the hoardroom. Hollick, the high-profile managing director of MAI, who instigated the letter to The Times last month from businessmen supporting Labour's economic policies, has fallen out with his chairman Sir lan Morrow, who vesterday penned his own letter to The Times pouring scorn on Kinnock's threat to introduce credit controls. In fact, unnoticed, Morrow's name had also appeared as a signature to the letter from

businessmen supporting Liberal Democrat policy, only days after Hollick's Labour letter.

'i am airaid we cannot agree. We are both fixed in our views," said Morrow yesterday. "We manage to contain our differences at board meetings. Some of our directors are Tory as well." Which begins to explain why Neil Kinnock remains disappointed that his favourite tame businessman has not been able to reinforce his support with a cash donation from

 Many candidates lose their seats on polling day: few manage to lose their constituencies half way through the campaign. Jane Kennedy, fighting Liverpool Broadgreen for Labour, managed it this week when she set off on a campaign trip to St Anne's, a



local primary school. She arrived without mishap - but at another school bearing the same name in the neighbouring constituency of Liverpool Mossley Hill. Rosemary Cooper, the local Liberal Democrat candidate, vesterday helpfully put a constituency map in the post to her rival.

Courageous couple

THE DORCHESTER, where Sunnie and Jackie Mann last night hosted an unashamedly sentimental party, has become almost a second home to the couple. They first met at the hotel in 1941, and rekindled their memories on the same spot at the launch of their book, Yours till the End. The title is taken from the Vera Lynn song they first danced to at the hotel during a party for the Guinea Pig Club of badly burned fighter pilots more than 50 years ago.

Not all of their memories of the hotel are so sweet. During one of the Guinea Pig Club dinners, the pair recalled Sunnie unleashing her famously ferocious temper on a female guest who objected to the appearance of the scarred and disfigured pilots. She recalled storming up to the woman and telling her: "You are only eating at the Dorchester because of those boys. They've saved your fat derriere. They've risked their lives for you and this is what they have to show for it." She then poured her gin and ionic over the woman's head.

Who?

THE Duchess of York will make her first foray back into the limelight next week, when she will launch a keep-fit video by her personal firmess trainer. Josh Salzmann. When asked to confirm details. Buckingham Palace was disdainful about the duchess's first public engagement since news of her separation from Prince Andrew. Despite the apology to her ten days ago, she has clearly been declared a non-person by the palace. A spokeswoman said: "We do not have any information. The duchess is not carrying out any official engagements. We would not

know about any private events."

Gadaffi sees foreign workers as trump card in dispute

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Gadaffi: left with few friends willing to help

ya is uniquely vulnerable to sanctions imposed by the United Nations, but Tripoli could have a trump card in its colony of resident foreigners. who are potential hostages.

As usual, the ordinary people of Libya will probably suffer the most from cutting off of air services. There could well be a shortage of essential supplies, although officials of the Gadaffi regime will presumably ensure that they themselves do not go without

The effect of the sanctions is expected to be limited at first. The UN is reserving the right to build up the pressure with stronger measures if those held responsible for the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie in Scotland and the destruction of As UN pressure grows on Tripoli to surrender suspected terrorists, its leader may take foreign workers as hostages, David Watts writes

the UTA DC10 over Niger are not handed over. "We hope they will respond as soon as possible. That's why we are going slowly but sure-ly," a Foreign Office spokesman said in London.

Though the intent is to cut off air links, reduce diplomatic contacts and embargo the sale of arms, in the first instance, there is the example of sanctions against Iraq during the Gulf war to serve as a warning of what can happen if UN demands are not met. French diplomats in Bagh-

the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries for help. His recent confrontadad were surprised last year tion with the Arab League has not endeared him to other to be fed caviare when they attended a beauty contest but members. Even his neighit appears to have been the bour Egypt, which is someexception that proved the rule times disposed to help him because the air and sea blockout for the sake of peace and ade is thought to have been quiet on their mutual border, quite effective in other is not likely to come to his aid

to any significant degree. The Libyan leader can no Colonel Gadaffi's trump longer depend on the eastern card - one which has served bloc to help him with spare him well before - is the sizeparts for his oil industry, or able number of British and even refined products. The other European technical experts who help to keep the oil UN measures will undoubtedly damage what is essenindustry and the country's tially a desert state unable to infrastructure functioning.

were being refused

There are about 5,000 Britons in Libya, many of whom have not left the country in spite of warnings from the Foreign Office issued over the past few weeks. British trade with Libya is worth £250 million a year and the Libyan oil sector was the principal importer of foreign goods.

Italians make up the largest body of foreigners in Libya while Italy, Germany and Britain were the principal suppliers of Libya's imports, with Italy accounting for 20.4 per cent of the total. Likewise, Italy was the principal destination for Libyan exports with 41.6 per cent of the total. Germany is in second place with 19.3 per cent and Brit-

Germany made a strategic decision some time ago to concentrate its oil purchases outside the heart of the Arab world. After international criticism of German sales of equipment to the Libyan gas weaponry plant at Rabhta. Germany is unlikely to oppose any tightening of sanctions should that prove

It remains to be seen how effective the sanctions will be In the past year, for which figures are available. Libya apparently imported only £520,000 worth of oil industry equipment. Parts for the Soviet-made military equipment may pose a bigger problem and it is certain that Libya's French-made Mirage

feed itself. Though Libya is a There were reports last night ain well down the list with 2.6 jet fighters will now suffer shortages of parts and highlevel maintenance.

Nothing suits Colonel Gadaffi more than to be able to use the threat of American power as a means of rallying his people. The difference this time is that these measures are being imposed by the UN and have the support of the world community.

Just as American power spearheaded the United Nations action against Iraq after the invasion of Kuwait, many Libyans may fear that the Americans are planning a repeat of their 1986 air strike after the terrorist bombing of a Berlin discotheque frequented by American servicemen.

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Arab states opposed to UN action

Sanctions raise threat of anti-West backlash

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

PUNITIVE United Nations sanctions against Libya raise the spectre of a new wave of anti-Western feeling in the Middle East with Colonel Muammar Gadaffi resorting to tactics, similar to those used by President Saddam

Hussein In 1990, to retaliate. Reaction against the United States. Britain and France, who led the sanctions drive, is likely to be matched by the feeling in Arab streets against those Arab governments which shoulder their UN responsibilities and impose the penalties fully. Esmet Abdel-Meguid, the secretary-general of the Arab League, has already said that many Arab nations may sanctions, notably the ban on air links and the weeding-out of Libyan diplomats.

Clinton

risks two

new tacks

FROM PETER STOTHARD

IN NEW YORK

BILL Clinton's presidential

campaign, battered by the

New York press and sinking

in its own private polls, took

two new tacks yesterday. In

an attempt to appear more statesmanlike, the Arkansas

governor prepared a strong

foreign policy speech oppos-ing President Bush's short-

sighted policy towards Russian aid. In an attempt to

bypass the city's aggressive tabloid newspapers he chal-

lenged his opponent, Jerry

Brown, to at least six debates

before next Tuesday's

Both were judged big risks.

But his advisers saw little

alternative. The two candi-

dates are reported to be with-

in a percentage point of each

other in a race where a Brown

victory could open the Demo-

When Mr Clinton arrived

in New York last week he

hoped that his "frontrunner"

status would allow him the

mimimum contact with his

after days of personal attacks

which have deepened his dis-

trust by voters, he has chosen

to seize every opportunity to

debate. Mr Brown's response

was to highlight the "jitters" which the decision revealed in

through and we are on our

way," the former California

governor commented on

hearing the news outside a

church in Harlem. The big-

gest day of battle could be

Saturday, with plans being

laid for a "debatorama" in

which the two men would fly around the state, tearing into

each other at every airport

Today's foreign affairs

speech is expected to echo the

criticism of the former presi-

dent. Richard Nixon, who

last month accused Mr Bush

of being myopic and miserly

towards the aid requests of President Yeltsin of Russia.

But Mr Clinton will try hard

not to appear a generous un-

cle to foreign nations. The

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Even among moderate Arab states, such as Egypt and Syria which provided the backbone of Arab support for the anti-Iraqi coalition during the Gulf war, there is deep distaste, stretching from the leadership down, for sanctions against a fellow Arab and Muslim state.

The Egyptian journalist, Hussein Fahmi, writing in the state-controlled weekly. Akhbar el-Yom, daimed the Western objective was "the humiliation and the intimidation" of Libya as well as the creation of pretext and justifications to compel it to relinquish its sovereignty along with its national and international rights.

expected to prompt public protests and a wave of anti-

media, is increased by Arab conviction that the United Nations is employing double standards by not enforcing resolutions against Israel in a similar fashion.

"Let nobody think anyone imposing sanctions on an Arab country is good news, President Assad of Syria told a joint news conference here with President Mubarak of Egypt, when both men ex-pressed their hostility to the UN sanctions.

Osama el-Baz. President Mubarak's chief adviser on foreign affairs, underlined the anxiety felt in Arab capitals. "How long can we keep the situation under control?" he asked. "How can we guarantee that we do not get into a vicious circle of action and reaction?"

In Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco there are fears that Islamic fundamentalists will exploit sanctions for their own ends to whip up hostility against established govern-ments and to gain popular sympathy. "This is a gift to the tanatics just when we had them under some son of control," one senior Arab official

"Even if Libya were to comply with the extradition resolution in the future, the effects of the sanctions would not end overnight," complained al-Ahram, the Cairo daily. They will continue to take their toll materially, morally that might ironically lead to an increase in the type of terrorism they were designed

to punish." In Baghdad, the government has been working over-time in the run-up to the UN vote to stir up anti-Western feeling and to muster backing for Libya. Al-Thawna, the Baath party paper, claimed the UN resolution showed that Iraq had been right to

warn that other Arab nations

In the countries neighbour-

ing Libya there is deep con-cern about the economic

repercussions of sanctions

and the difficulties they are

expected to bring. Tourism

may be an early casualty, Egyptian migrant workers in Libya could feel exposed and

there is a widespread belief

throughout the Arab world

that sanctions will lead to

some form of military action

To ensure the security of would be the "next scapegoats for Western anger". the helicopter, in an area The paper, reflecting senti-ment also voiced in other less radical countries, said: "Such resolutions sound the warning bell of hatred and malice which the West harbours against Arab countries. Their present animosity against Libya is a continuation of the aggression they launched against Iraq in 1990."

"We did not yet succeed in achieving a ceasefire, but we

 Tokyo: Aπ international meeting on Cambodia has agreed to hold a conference in June on rebuilding the

Western sentiments in the **UN flies** generals to talks

> **PROM JAMES PRINGLE** IN PHNOM PENH

IN ONE of the most dramatic moments in the troubled search for peace in Cambodia so far, United Nations officials flew into a clearing to pick up two Khmer Rouge generfire talks in Kompong Thom. scene of recent heavy fighting between the Khmer Rouge and the Vietnam-installed Phnom Penh regime.

"We flew into the Khmer Rouge zone to pick them up," General Michel Loridon, deputy chief of the UN Transitional Authority in Cambo-dia (UNTAC) said yesterday. "They had cleared a landing zone in the forest and were waiting for us."

about 20 miles northwest of Kompong Thom where a UN helicopter was shot at and an Australian officer wounded a month ago, a senior Khmer Rouge officer and representatives from other factions flew in with General Loridon. Later, talks between the four factions were held in Kompong Thom, a provin-cial capital 100 miles north of here, in an effort to reach an the troubled province.

did make some progress, and will meet again," General Loridon said.

country. (AFP)



Registration in Medicine in Boston to answer

Medical hearing: Margaret Bean-Bayog, a did not constitute an immediate public threat, Harvard psychiatrist, arriving for a hearing but said that she had given "sub-standard of her case at the Massachusetts Board of care" to Paul Lozano, a final-year Harvard care" to Paul Lozano, a final-year Harvard grade. The board said it wanted a further charges that she had had an affair with a patient who later committed suicide. The board decided that Dr Bean-Bayog's practice Division of Law Appeals for a hearing. (AP)

New Bofors scandal claims job of top Indian minister

MADHAVSINH Solanki, the Indian foreign minister. resigned yesterday in a controversy over attempts to stall investigations in the Bofors bribery scandal, which has dogged the ruling Congress (I) party for five years. Indian politicians and bureaucrats are believed to have received about £30 million in "commissions" to ensure that the Swedish arms manufacturer

tract for field guns in 1986. Mr Solanki went to P. V. Narasimha Rao, the prime minister, in the morning and offered to quit after the Indian Express reported that he had handed a document to Swedish authorities in January asking them to go slow in their investigation of the Bofors affair.

captured a E750 million con-

It has been presumed that people close to Rajiv Gandhi, drawn up by a lawyer. There

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS the former prime minister. were among those who bene-

fited from the Bofors commissions. Opposition parties caused an uproar in parliament both yesterday and on Monday demanding to know whether Mr Solanki had tried to interfere with the Swedish investigations. The Indian Express said he had handed a five-page memorandum to his Swedish counterpart while in Sweden attending a conference. Opposition MPs complained that it was scandalous and a breach of rules to have asked

for enquiries to be stalled. Events came to a head when Mr Solanki was mocked in the Rajya Sabha (upper house) after stating that he had not been aware of the contents of the document, which he said had been

were hoots of derision when he said that he could not identify the lawyer. Mr Solanki became foreign minister when Mr Rao came to power nine months ago. His resignation is an em-

barrassment to the govern-ment, but there will be one advantageous side effect for the administration: the diehard Gandhi loyalists, still waiting for a chance to regain their lost influence, will be further weakened. Mr Rao has been quietly easing them out of the way, and his job will now be that much easier.

• Stockholm: Torsten Jonsson, the Swedish state prosecutor, said yesterday that investigations into the Bofors deal cannot be reopened because the statute of limitations expired this week on any possible violations of Swedish law in 1986. (Reuter)

Shamir's support dwindles over Levy

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN BET SHEAN, ISRAEL

AT ANY other time in the past 15 years the heated political discussion taking place between a dozen men in this development town's dilapidated shopping precinct would have centred on the benefits of keeping the rightwing Likud party in power.

In the past, the working-class israelis of Sephardi origin (oriental Jews from North Africa, Iran and Yemen) across the country have remained firmly behind Likud. However, if Yitzhak Shamir. the Israeli prime minister, is still counting on their vote at the June 23 general election then he has failed to grasp the anger and sense of betrayal feit by the 15.500 townsfolk when their most famous son, David Levy, the foreign minister, announced that he was resigning in protest over his treatment by the party leadership.

Speaking yesterday Mr Levy, a populist leader with a strong following among his fellow Sephardis, who make up more than 50 per cent of the electorate, repeated his vow to tender his resignation on Sunday because of what he regards as a conspiracy to keep him from power by Likud's hierarchy, most of whom are drawn from the dominant Ashkenazi (European Jewish) community.

"People come up to me in the street to stop me and tell me how angry they are with Likud about the way David Levy has been treated," said Shlomo Ben Lolo, Bet Shean's mayor. He, like Mr Levy, was born in Morocco before his parents emigrated to Israel in the 1950s. His warning was modest by comparison to some of the townspeople who unanimously criticised the ruling party and threatened either to vote for the opposition Labour party or to support Mr Levy if he chooses to form his own

"We cannot abandon David Levy, he represents for us the ability of every Israeli from whatever background to make it to the top." said Albert Kislasi, who still recalls with bitterness the harsh conditions he experienced in Is-raeli transit camps when he and his family were treated as second-class citizens in their new home after they emigrat-

ed from Morocco. Those trends should be taken seriously by the Likud party, said Hanoch Smith, a pollster. He predicted yesterday that the ruling party will suffer a further decline in popularity.

"The Sephardi community is half the Jewish vote — a tremendous percentage," he said. "And I would say since 1977 they have determined which party is in power."

Chinese deputies turn on Li Peng

Peking: Li Peng, China's prime minister, has come under attack at parliament's annual session for his halfhearted support of Deng Xiaoping's calls for radical reform. The criticism came as the media yesterday gave wide coverage of Mr Deng's trip two months ago to the Shenzhen economic zone (Catherine Sampson writes).

Some deputies have cast off their usual timidity to accuse Mr Li of failing to back the senior leader's recent attack on party hardliners and his calls for speedy reforms. The criticism of Mr Li has led to speculation that he is in political mouble-

Arabs cut lines

Nicosia: Arab states say that they are still banning telephone contacts with Israel and some have cut off the direct-dial service which the Israeli telephone company introduced last week through third countries to 11 Arab

Moving base

Agana, Guam: America will turn the western Pacific island of Guam into a key military base to help cushion the loss of Subic naval base in the Philippines, enabling it to deal with "possible threats to regional security", a US Navy official said. (Reuter)

Four shot dead

Antananarivo: Four supporters of President Ratsiraka of Madagascar, including Gaston Laha, a former culture minister, were shot dead by security forces, and several people were injured in clashes at the start of a forum on a new constitution. (AFP)

Corpse banned

Manila: President Aquino's government has banned air-lines and ships from bringing home to the Philippines the remains of Ferdinand Marcos without clearance, and ordered a 24-hour watch on the former president's crypt in Hawaii. (Reuter)

Canberra helps

Canberra: Australia is to spend £68 million to improve the plight of Aborigines, inchuding steps to wean them off alcohol and drugs and reduce their high rate of imprisonment, Robert Tickner, the Aboriginal affairs minister, said. (Reuter)

Baby dies

Miami: Baby Theresa, who was born without a brain ten days ago, has died before her parents could find a court willing to declare her brain-dead and allow them to donate her organs to give other sick children a chance of life. (Reuter)

Argentine pilots forced to adopt kamikaze tactics

ARGENTINE fighter pilots were hailed as kamikazes for their daring operations against the British Task Force during the Falklands conflict. But on the eve of the tenth anniversary of the South Atlantic battle, the pilots said their risky missions had less to do with bravado and more to do with constraints imposed by lack of up-to-date equipment.

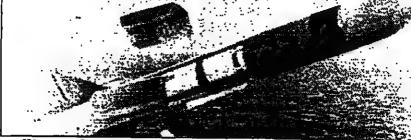
neutralise Mr Clinton's criti-"We were called kamikacism by producing its own aid zes and compared with the package. Japanese suicide pilots of the second world war be-A national Los Angeles Times poll yesterday put Mr cause of high-risk flights at Bush and Mr CLinton within very low heights. It was not two percentage points. The our intention to take such big surprise was the 21 per risks, they were forced on us cent support for Ross Perot, because we had inferior the Texan businessman, who equipment." Colonel Gustais close to entering the Nov-ember race as an vo Piuma-Justo said. He piloted a Dagger fighter plane

Poor equipment led the air force to embark upon risky missions in the Falklands, Gabriella Gamini writes in Buenos Aires

in attacks against British amphibian landing craft at the Bay of San Carlos on May 21, 1982. That day he was hit by a missile from a British Sea Harrier and efected.

We had many limitations. Our radio action area - the area which we can reach from our bases - was limited. We had to send aircraft out with enough fuel and because of that were forced to reduce weight and could carry only up to three bombs." Colonel PiumaJusto, aged 47, said. "We only had firm bases. Our aircraft carrier had been taken out of action by the high command." The Falkland islands are

more than 500 miles from the air bases of Rio Grande and San Julian in Tierra del Fuego, used by the Argentine air force. Argentina's only aircraft carrier - the 25 de Mayor - was removed from action early on in the conflict by the then commander-in-chief of the Armada. (navy) General detection and come down at



Weapon of war: the French-made Exocet missile feared in the Falklands

Jorge Anaya, one of three generals who made up the military junta, for fear of losing it to attacks by British submarines. Colonel Puima-Justo said: "Often enough to save fuel we had to start off flying very high at 35,000 feet, risking radar

the last minute." That forced Argentine pilots into surprise attacks at 50 feet above sea level to avoid Brit-

ish radars. Colonel Carlos Napoleon Martinez, aged 46, led a squadron of Skyhawks and Mirages in such an attack which sunk the supply ships

Sir Galahad and damaged Sir Tristram, anchored off Fitzroy, west of Port Stanley, on June 8. Fifty British

soldiers were killed in that assault. "We flew very low. Almost dangerously low behind a hill which hid us from the fleet. Then we hugged that hill and came down

onto the bay. Within 15 seconds five of our planes were on top of the ships and launched their bombs. We realised we had inflicted enough damage and left. When we attempted a second wave of attacks, the Harriers had been alerted. Three of our pilots were hit and killed."

Colonel Martinez said the attack was only possible because of an evident mistake by the British com-mand in leaving the ships open to attack in daylight. We had no equipment to speak of for night flying and that became an obvious problem for us because the task force had the adequate equipment and could operate at night and in bad wea-ther," he said.



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CLASSROOM POLITICS

Britain's education system has been destabilised by a decade of politicised reform. Any further destabilisation could be justified only by the most overwhelming educational priority. Policy must have two goals. It must seek to raise standards overall, so that Britain's workforce can compete with that of other countries. And it must give all children, whatever their backgrounds, the same opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Some of the more drastic reforms introduced by the Conservatives over the past five years should promote the first goal. The government can claim credit for having converted Labour to their importance. The national curriculum will ensure that all children are introduced to the basics of most subjects. Testing at seven, 11 and 14 will monitor those standards and allow parents to begin to estimate the value added by their children's schools. Published league tables of results should spur schools to greater achievement. Reforms of teacher training will eventually filter through to classrooms.

The worry is that the Conservatives proposed changes to the structure of secondary education will not achieve the second goal. The comprehensive secondary school, to which the Conservatives turned in the 1970s, was built on the premise that the fulfilment of equality of opportunity could not come from early selection. Many Conservatives, who did not oppose streaming or academic selection as such, were strongly opposed to it taking a rigid institutional form as early in a child's life as age 11. Yet John Major is allowing his education secretary to promote a return to precisely the system

largely abandoned in the 1960s. Encouraging certain secondary schools to opt out may well improve education for a minority of mainly middle-class, brighterthan-average pupils, those who already tend to thrive in the comprehensive system. Ministers have to show how this can be achieved other than at the expense of those schools that stay in the local-authority sector and receive children rejected by the new grant-maintained sector. Such children will be those with less pushy parents or lower abilities. Mr Major should appreciate the

Britain's prospects of emerging from recession, now identified by all parties as the

question haunting most voters, suffered a

serious setback at midnight last night: not on

the hustings, but in Geneva. The failure at

Gatt's headquarters to meet yet another

deadline in the faltering Uruguay Round of

global trade talks is no less serious for being

universally expected. The entire six-year

negotiation is now in bad trouble, with

President Bush speaking for the first time of

Whatever the relative merits of the

recovery plans British politicians have con-

cocted, they pale into insignificance beside

the impact on growth and jobs of this

seemingly technical negotiation. Like Ger-

many, where it has been calculated that the

cost of failure could be a million jobs. Britain

is exceptionally reliant on open markets.

There could be no worse time for John

Major, whose grasp of the dangers of

escalating trade wars is not in doubt, to be

deflected from the battle with Britain's

European Community parmers on which

the Uruguay Round unquestionably hangs.

The negotiators were unable to conclude the

nuts and bolts agreements on tariff reduc-

tions, trade in steel and opening markets in

services vesterday because no government is

prepared to show its hand without clear

evidence that the EC will abandon its

obdurate defence of agricultural protec-

tionism. Most negotiators believe that if the

United States, which is attempting to break

the deadlock on farm trade in bilateral talks

with the EC, could achieve a breakthrough

there, the other problems dogging the

The final offer from Gatt goes a long way

to meet EC objections. Instead of the deep

cuts in subsidies and trade barriers originally

sought by America and its allies, it would

amount only to a cautious first step towards

dismantling agricultural protectionism. The

EC still demands modifications, objecting in

particular to the limits the deal would set on

Round can be solved.

The problem is not technical but political.

"possible collapse".

evils of such branding. What would have been his parents' "choice" had he failed that fateful 11-plus exam?

Mr Major yesterday boasted that his party would promote "choice" in education by making it easier for parents to choose their children's schools. But all parents will want their children to go to selective schools, as they did following the 1944 Education Act. Selection is Hobson's choice. Popular schools choose their pupils. Only a governing body made up of saints and martyrs would insist on selection being random, rather than on ability. Selection on ability is the key to a school's success in the new league tables and thus its reputation and income.

-There were many troubles with the schools that the Tories inherited from Labour. Most are being tackled with reform of curriculum and, above all, local management initiatives designed to rid schools of bureaucratic controls. To them, the concept of opting-out is either an irrelevance or a danger. Already more money is being channelled by the government into "its" maintained schools, as reward for opting out. Already a bureaucracy is developing under Whitehall to administer them. Worse, one council after another is seeing its best schools and thus its best teachers departing, leaving it with the old secondary moderns for the rejects.

A comprehensive structure from 11-16, topped by the government's new sixth-form and other "senior high" colleges, may still divide children between those who can afford private school and the rest. Such a system is not so inadequate as to justify its dismantling in favour of Kenneth Clarke's three tiers: private schools, state-maintained selective schools and what are alarmingly being dubbed "the sinks".

Labour and the Liberal Democrats are wrong to assume, as they persist in doing at the behest of teacher lobbies, that all education needs is more money and smaller classes. A good teacher can inspire a class of 40 without a book in sight. But they are right to ask that the old structure of state primary and secondary education be allowed to acclimatise itself to the otherwise sound Tory reforms, before being upheaved once more.

AP 192 JOBS ON THE LINE 🤲 the quantity of cereals it dumps on world markets and on the direct payments it wants to make to farmers to compensate for reforms in the common agricultural policy. In mid-March, James Baker offered Jacques

Delors a further compromise which would

allow some payments to go ahead. But that

offer, too, has fallen on stony ground. The heart of the problem is that the French government remains stubbornly opposed to the principle of bringing farm trade under Gatt disciplines, and none of its partners, beginning with Germany, has been prepared to bring the necessary pressure to bear on President Mitterrand. Each is more interested in courting French support for one or other aspect of the tangled business of reforming the CAP. And both these disputes are being left to farm ministers, whose vested interests against reform make them the last people to trust with an international negotiation which vitally affects Europe's trading

future and its wider relations with America. Yesterday's slippage in the timetable at Geneva aimost certainly puts paid to hopes of wrapping up the Round by Easter. If a treaty is not ready for signing soon after that. there will not be enough time for the US Congress to ratify it this side of the American presidential elections in November. The talks would go into limbo until next year, in an atmosphere of recrimination - most of it directed at the EC, and with reason - which could unravel the gains made so far and accelerate the trend towards rival regional trading blocks.

A G7 summit will not rescue these talks, unless the EC governments can first agree among themselves on a realistic offer. That is unlikely without an EC summit dedicated to breaking with the corrupt farm politics and wasteful farm policies which are holding the entire world trading system to ransom. Mr Major could give no more confident signal to voters, nor more significant boost to the British economy, than by using his considerable influence with Herr Kohl to set preparations for such a summit in train now.

THE VANISHING NATION

The report on our news pages that Belgium may be dissolved as a unified nation comes as a shock. Belgium is apparently on the brink either of joining some new Benelux grouping, with Brussels as the EC's independent "Washington", or of splitting between Holland and France. Belgium may not be wildly popular among Britons but they went to war in 1914 to support Belgian independence and many an encounter with the Continent begins with soft drizzle at Ostend.

Belgium would be the second country to vanish within two years, following East Germany in 1990. If as is expected the country divides between its historical neighbours, its two halves would each bring great strengths to their new homes. Belgium's Flemish is softer and more delicate than the harsh gutteral accents of Dutch, and The Netherlands may find that its generally unpopular and little-spoken language now commands more interest and study abroad.

Wallonia's chefs in the south would be free to compete with the French on equal terms. Belgian cuisine has made the country famous. To most Americans Belgium is a country of chocolates and waffles. It is a matter for regret that this distinctiveness would be lost, but France is the gainer. The French, ever conscious of gastronomic excellence, may at last cease making deroga-

tory "Belgian jokes". Yet there must be a tinge of regret that Bel-

gium's chaotic politics have brought the country to this pass. Agatha Christie will be unintelligible to a younger generation if there is no Belgium to which Hercule Poirot can daim allegiance. And the Manekin Pis will lose its charm as the encapsulation of Belgian culture and the model for many an elegant fountain. René Magritte, the great surrealist painter, loses his bite if his mocked bourgeoisie is placed in a French context. Tintin can surely not be relegated to EuroDisney. The fun will go from that, favourite parlour game: "Name five famous Belgians.

Chief gainer would, of course, be Jacques Delors. The decaying Berlaymont offices could be relocated in one of the great buildings in Brussels soon to be redundant: the imposing Palais de Justice, the Heysel stadium or even the royal palace. Europe, with a self-governing capital of its own, could truly enjoy the accourrements of world power, able to honour its founders and the visionanes who settled on this city as their base: Jean Monet, Robert Schuman, perhaps even Margaret Thatcher - who did more to unify the EC than any other modern leader.

A monument should also be erected to M Delors himself, believed to be the principal architect of the breakup of the EC's host country. Assuming today's decision goes ahead, to him should go pride of place in the famous Grand' Place, renamed to commemorate the date: Place du Ieravril, 1992.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Press scrutiny of candidates' lives

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From Sir Richard Storey

Sir, The code of practice upheld by the Press Complaints Commission proscribes, under "privacy", all intrusions into an individual's private life" unless published "in the public interest". Under "discrimination", it states that the press "should avoid publishing details of a person's race, colour, religion, sex or sexual orientation, unless these are directly relevant to the story".

This means that it would be in breach of that code for a newspaper to publish that a general election candidate is, for example, homo-sexual or Christian — unless such assertions are saved by being "directly relevant to the story" and "in the public interest".

I accept that the judgment of 'relevance" and "public interest" will always be open to dispute. Equally, however, I have no doubt that it is an editor's duty to seek and to publish details of all personal characteristics and opinions of candidates who voluntarily offer themselves for approval by the electorate.

That would not be the case were a member of Parliament merely a postman, charged only with reading and counting electors opinions and then voting in accordance with the majority: basic literacy and num-

eracy would then suffice.

I believe, however, that an MP is a plenipotentiary. It would follow that there is a public right to know everything about all candidates that might influence the way voters support them: only in this way may voters judge whether candidates are likely to represent them in Parliament to their satisfaction.

Generally, the sexual or religious preferences of MPs must be expected o influence their attitude towards family life; specifically, such pref-erences could affect members' opinions on the desirability of homosexuality in the armed forces, the police, and the Church of England, and could prevail on their views about the age, of consent at which practising homosexuality becomes

legal.
That knowledge of a candidate's characteristics influences how people vote is beyond doubt. Thus, in a democracy, can there be any doubt on whether newspapers should pub-lish the kind of information to which I refer?
I write in my personal capacity and

do not seek to represent the views ci-

ther of my company or its employees. Yours faithfully, RICHARD STOREY (Chairman, Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers),

In the dock From Mr Norman Madeod

Settrington House, Malton, North Yorkshire

Sir. In a recent crown court case I represented a client who had been granted unconditional bail, had no previous convictions of any sort, and was of unblemished character. Even before the case had reached court the Crown Prosecution Service had indicated that it was going to offer no evidence in relation to the one charge that remained from the magistrates'

hearing. My client had therefore only to appear to have the matter disposed of and to deal with the question of costs. None the less, he was required to step first inside the dock, then into the staircase leading thence to the cells, and there to remain behind a heavy door, together with a prison officer. until the judge appeared.

He had then to re-enter the dock, where he remained for a minute or so, whilst the case was dealt with. He left the building, as he had arrived, without a stain on his character.

Why should this be? Why, when security is not an issue, should any client be obliged to stand in a place and on a spot that is quite clearly associated in most people's minds with crime and guilt? Why should he not be allowed to sit with his lawyer in the body of the court?

I would like to see the dock abolished, save for the most exceptional cases. I believe that it is an absurd, undignified and stigmatising anachronism, quite out of keeping with the presumption of innocence. Yours faithfully,

NORMAN MACLEOD. Madeod Widdowson (solicitors), Ashdene, Wareside, Hendordshire.

Sir, Pace Clifford Longley ("Market

forces too often clash with social

justice". March 28), Friedrich von-

Hayek and his school argued that the

market maximises well being of all

classes and that intervention weighs

most heavily on the poor. If Mr

Longley wishes to refute this thesis,

Mr Longley's claim that "thou-

sands died ... in the Irish famine,

victims of the belief of their masters

that any intervention in the workings

of a market was a kind of sacrilege",

is wholly untenable. On the contrary,

the Irish starved precisely because

the Corn Laws put the landed in-

terest above the workings of the

The system was fought by those

whom Mr Longley condemns as

"radical political economists", e.g.,

Cobden and Bright, the Anti-Corn

Law League and their convert. Sir

Robert Peel. Parallels with the Euro-

he must first comprehend it.

Market forces

From Sir Alfred Sherman

Discrepancies on science spending and values British science" but there

From Professor T. J. Biscoe

Sir, Alan Howarth, Under Secretary of State with responsibility for science (letter, March 27), must be living on another planet along with his acolytes in the DES for all the relevance his statements have to the condition of our major research universities. He knows that the proportion of GDP spent on the science base has fallen from 0.35 per cent to 0.28 per cent. His officials at least must know that this takes no account of the fall in the resources granted through the Universities' Funding Council.

He has the gail to lecture us on pride and generosity, when it is the overweening pride of successive hold-ers of his office and their absence of generosity, coupled with a profound ignorance of the nature of the scientific life, that has led to the present plight of our national hertage. Now he claims there are increases in funding for science; he cannot really expect us to accept that these will recompense the univer-sities for years of forced neglect of run-down buildings and equipment.

Does he really comprehend the needs of modern science, or even care very much? I doubt it since he and his fellows seem not to be persuaded that the country desperately needs an advanced science base to support its technological aspirations. It will not do to pretend we can buy in the technology as we need it, for without our own internationally competitive teaching and research base no one will know what

There is also a continual failure to comprehend the importance of curiosity-driven research. For exampie, the work on penicillin by Florey and Chain was viewed at the time it was begun as one of purely scientific interest. Incredibly, there are still ostriches around who do not care why the sky is blue and would never fund Tyndall, who found out.

As to whom we should support, it

would be nice to be able to believe that "the Conservative party respects

'Hidden' candidates From Mr John Wilcox

Sir, We are now two weeks into an election campaign which, informaily, has been waged since the end of the Gulf war. No party could have been caught unprepared by the announcement of election day.

And yet, sitting here in the middle of London — which the media tells mé could be a decisive battle ground - I still await news from each of the parties about their local candidate and his or her beliefs and policies.

I have had very prompt requests for financial support from both the Tories and Liberal Democrats, but

Independent schools From Dr C. J. Tyerman

Sir, Mr Dunnett (letter, March 28) applauds the assisted places scheme for independent schools. As a public schoolmaster, I cannot agree. Independent schools reasonably make much play of their independence. Why should they receive the benefits, at taxpayers' expense, of a number of abler children? Either they are independent or not.

The charitable element of the assisted places scheme is taxpayers' charity, not independent school charity. Arguably those schools accepting assisted place pupils are admitting that independence is not enough. Equally, why should tax-payers, who have decided not to, or

Gospel dispute

trying to do.

Anyone who reads St John's gospel objectively and compares it with the other three must come to one of two conclusions: either John knew a totally different Jesus, or he is attempting something rather dif-ferent, in his gospel, than a literal account of the life and words of the historical Jesus.

that we must adopt the latter view.

pean common agricultural policy are relevant: lower-income groups suffer unjustly-high food prices when market imperatives are flouted.

Cicero's argument that it can never be truly moral to defy expediency applies equally to the Corn Laws, CAP, universally-failed socialism and Mr Longley's fulminations. Yours.

ALFRED SHERMAN, 14 Malvern Court, Onslow Square, SW7. March 28.

From Mr Colin Dauris

Sir, There is no qualification to justice in biblical injunctions. The obligation to execute it always seems to be on individuals and towards individuals. It may be carried out in

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From Professor Denis Noble, FRS

is little encouragement to do so.

Yours faithfully,

Sir. As Mr Howarth must surely know, it cannot simultaneously be true that government funding of civil science has fallen by around 30 per cent as a fraction of GDP (as the OECD statistics on international comparisons show) and that the figure has risen by 30 per cent in real terms since 1979, as Mr Howarth

Since the prime minister has also used Mr Howarth's figures in a recent letter to Save British Science, the matter reveals a deep misunderstanding at the highest ministerial level and it is based on selecting figures for only one half of the government's funding (that allocated by the research councils) and ignor-

What ministers' manipulations of the figures cannot conceal is the fact that the UK is the only OECD nation to show an uninterrupted decline over the last decade both in the fraction of total GDP invested in civil science and in the fraction invested by government.

Yours faithfully, DENIS NOBLE, University of Oxford, University Laboratory of Physiology. Parks Road, Oxford.

From Mr G. E. Howe

Sir, I wonder how many of the 17 "British Scientists Abroad" who wrote to you (letter, March 30) expressing their frustration at the "lack of research opportunities" in the United Kingdom accepted less well paid jobs abroad in pursuit of their search for these opportunities? Yours faithfully,

G. E. HOWE. The Folly, Selham Road. Graffham, Petworth, West Sussex.

no indication of who will carry their banner in my constituency. Perhaps it doesn't matter any more, given the over-kill national coverage given to

the party leaders.

But, as one of the "great undecided" so far in this election, I would like to know now a little about the background and personalities of the local candidates, to help me make up my mind. I believe this is

Yours truly, JOHN WILCOX. 126 Ebury Street, SW1. March 30.

important.

Wilcox's car?

who cannot afford to, or who do not wish to use the private sector subsidise independent schools?

Stronger links between the private and public sector would be better forged through a sharing of facilities. co-operation in teacher training, and a greater willingness on both sides to recognise the unity of the teaching profession and the common needs of

Will no one fight the war for

education. The assisted places scheme merely adds to the sense of resentment on one side and superiority on the other: politically expedient, it is illogical

Yours etc., CHRISTOPHER TYERMAN, 80 High Street, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex. March 28.

From Prebendary John Linford

Sir, Your reporter suggests surprise "Bishop disputes gospel of John", March 28) at the Bishop of Durham's view of St John's gospel. It is well time that we had a better idea of what the gospel writers were actually

I believe, with very many others,

John is describing not what the historical Jesus of Nazareth said and did (except in bare outline), but who the risen and exalted Christ actually is and what he is saying to his Church, not once in Galilee, but everywhere in every age.

The historical Jesus is unlikely to have said "I am the way, the truth and the life", "I am that bread of life", "I am the light of the world". "I am the resurrection and the life". But the risen and exalted Christ is all those things to those who know him and serve him. This is what John is trying to say. Yours faithfully,

JOHN LINFORD. 16 School Lane, Hill Ridware. Rugeley, Staffordshire. March 28.

duty is no less. Putting "social" before "justice", as Clifford Longley does, weakens the argument because the word "social" reduces the force of words which it qualifies. The ethos associated with

consort but, if that is impossible, the

"social justice" can even deflect preachers towards implying that the responsibility for human conditions lies principally on the government and that the government, and only the government, can remedy ills. Friedrich von Hayek may not have

been a Christian but he was right to warn us against believing that justice was divisible and that a good part of it could be left to others to execute.

Mr Longley wrote recently (March 7) that freedom is necessary if we are to use our God-given free will, even to make mistakes. Economic freedom, as Hayek wrote, is a necessary part of that liberty.

Yours faithfully. COLIN DAURIS. Goodalls, Middle Street. Nazeing, Essex.

Arts policy views at variance

From the Minister for the Arts

Sir. Mark Fisher's confusion over the government's arts policy appears to be equalled by confusion over his own (letter, March 26). On the matter of the export of works of art. the consultation period on the many recommendations in the report of the export review committee does not, of course, end until March 31. Mark Fisher does not realise that it would be unprecedented and irresponsible for a minister to take a decision on these in the few days before an election. This will be done

on our return to power. I note that Mark Fisher says that a Labour government would unfreeze the purchasing grants of our national museums and galleries, and "would not impose any upper limit on the reserve available for accepting works of art in lieu of capital-transfer and inheritance tax".

Here is a notable ideological Uturn. Interested parties, myself in-cluded, would like to have Neil Kinnock's specific endorsement of this unreservedly munificent statement, and also an estimate of its annual cost and where the money would be found.

Mark Fisher is of course out of date over the listing system; the need for this emergency measure, designed to prevent the flow of Britain's art heritage from this country, should happily be obviated as soon as the national lottery for the arts and other beneficiaries is in place, which we announced recently. Labour and Liberals still cannot make up their minds about a lottery.

Yours truly, TIM RENTON. Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

Women high sheriffs

From Mr Justice Tucker

Sir, You are mistaken in your belief that Mrs Elizabeth Eden, newly appointed high sheriff of Devon, is the first woman to hold the post of high sheriff (photograph and cap-tion, March 27).

During my sittings on circuit I have been most hospitably received by elegant lady high sheriffs (and by their husbands!) in the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham, Berkshire and Merseyside. I know of others in the counties of Derby, Oxford and Warwick, and of at least two instances where wives of judges have.

been so appointed. And I believe that Nicola de Haya was appointed high sheriff of Lincolnshire in 1216 - before my time.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD TUCKER, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, WC2.

From Mr Robin Hartley Russell

Sir. Of the 46 English counties and shires, Bedfordshire, Merseyside, Northamptonshire and Suffolk were represented by women in 1991-2; Buckinghamshire, Devon, Durham and Hereford & Worcester have appointed women high sheriffs for the coming year. Wales has been represented by two - Powys (1991-

2) and Gwynedd (1992-3). Over the last two years women high sheriffs have accounted for less than 10 per cent of the total in England and Wales. It would be nice to see this proportion increase.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN HARTLEY RUSSELL, Bucklebury House, Bucklebury, Berkshire.

Weil's disease From Mr J. S. Kreeger

Sir, Your report of March 19 ("Pig farmer killed by rat virus") of another death from leptospirosis (Weil's disease) from a tiny cut in his finger is a sad reminder of a virus which kills as many as does the more well publicised Legionnaire's disease, but still attracts relatively small attention. It continues to take its toll of victims: the mild winters of recent years have alarmingly served to increase rat

populations in town and country. Those involved in farm work and water sports are generally aware of the disease, but many professions are at risk. My father, an architect, died at the age of 36 after contracting leptospirosis, evidently in a London cellar on a routine inspection.

The leptospira research unit at Hereford County Hospital - almost the only hope of finding a cure — is sadly under-funded. Perhaps only an outbreak will raise the general awareness of this terrible disease to the extent where greater facilities and funds will be made available to rid us of it.

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN KREEGER, Stowe School, Buckingham.

Hat trick

From Mr G. E. Bates

Sir. In the first episode of a new series of Jeeves and Wooster (ITV, March 29) Mr Wooster claimed he had purchased his "American" hat from us.

Mr Wooster must be very absentminded as this was certainly not the case, although we would have felt privileged to have had his custom. Yours faithfully,

G. E. BATES Bates (Gentlemen's hatter). 21a Jermyn Street, St James's, SW1.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 31: Mr David Beattle was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Swiss Confederation at Berne.
Mrs Beattle was also received

by The Queen.
Lieutenant General Patrick Duffell was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Commander. British Forces Hong Kong.

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as

Russian and Balkan historian

74; Mrs Marie Patterson, trades

unionist, 58: Mr Charles H. Price, II, American diplomat, 61:

Williams, former president, Royal College of Pathologists, 63.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Jadge Oliver, QC, to be President of the VAT Tribunals and Presiding Special Commissioner of Income Tax, from April 9, in succession to Judge Medd, QC,

who is to retire but will continue to

Mr Michael Frank Harris to be a

Birthdays today Memorial service Miss Brigitte Askones, im-Mr Paul Manwell

Lady in Waiting to The Queen. CLARENCE HOUSE March 31: Miss Jane Walker-

Okeover has succeeded Dame

Frances Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

March 31: The Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief,

Royal Army Educational Corps, this morning received Major General Denis Ryan (Representative Colonel Commandant) and Major General Clifford Kinvig (Director).

KENSINGTON PALACE

munologist. 69: Mr George Baker, actor, 61; Professor A.M. A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Paul Maxwell was hold Barrett, former vice-chancellor. Buckingham University, 60; Mr David J. Davies, chairman, Johnlife of Mr Paul Maxwell was hold yesterday at St Pauls', Covent Garden. The Very Rev David Ellion officiated.

Mr Ed Bishop read the lesson and Mr Don Fellows read Casey's Table d'Hote by Eugene Field.

Mr Manning Redwood, Mr Bernard Spear and Mr Tony Parker case addresses. son Manhey, 52: the Rev Norman Drummond, headmaster Loretto School, 40; Professor R Floud, provest, City of Londor Polytechnic, 50: Sir Anthony Gill chairman and chief executive, Lucas Industries, 62: Mr David Gower, cricketer, 35; Sir Paul Hashuck, former Governor-Gen-eral of Australia, 87: Sir Nicholas

gave addresses.
Miss Jane Sherriff, soprano, sang Franck's Panis Angelicus
and Mr Johnny Myers sang
Duna, accompanied by Mr Roger
Phillips, piano. Miss Helen Horton, Miss Pat Starr and Miss
Maxine Audley also took part in Henderson, diplomat, 73, The Earl of Ilchester, 72; Miss Gaie Johnson Houghton, jockey, 51: Baroness McFariane of Liandaff, 66: Professor M.L. McGlashan, chemist, 68: Mr the service.

Among others present were Mrs Maxwell (widow). Mr and Mrs Simon Murray (son-in-law Justice Macpherson of Cluny, 66; Professor Sir Dimitri Obolensky, and daughter): Mr Jerry Harte and Miss Julia MacKennie. Miss and Miss Julia MacKennie. Miss Hazel Vincent Wallace, Miss Libby Morris, Mr Mike Cowan and Miss Sara Leighton, Mrs Audrey Seddon, Mr Peter Moffatt and Miss Joan Kemp-Welch, Mr Leo Maguire, Mrs Manning Redwood, Mrs Bernard Spear, Miss Carol Royle and Mrs Anthony Parker. Price, II. American diplomat, 61: Professor W.C. Price, physicist, 83: Mr Steve Race, musician and broadcaster, 71: Dr R.C. Repp, master, 5t Cross College, Oxford, 56: Professor Slr Pener Tizard, paediatrician, 76: Miss Sheila Whitaker, director, London Film Festival, 56: Professor Sir Dillwym Williams, former president, Royal

Monmouth School Monmouth School has made the following awards for September

1994:

Sinth Form Enhibitions I.J. Claries,
Whitecross Scincol, Lydneys R.C. Wintle,
Rougemont, Newport.

Shirts Form Measle Schrödinger, J.L.
Davier, Chaist College, Errecon.

Sixth Forms Measle Exhibitions I.J.
Stephend, Great Haddow School, Signer.

13 Year-Old Entry



Michael Powell's winning photograph for The Times of a sculpture by Richard Wilson created around a 2,600-gallon tank of engine oil, forming a huge mirror, at the Saatchi Gallery in London

Award for Times opera critic

A SPECIAL award for "pioneering life-time achievement as an arts journalist" was presented to John Higgins, obituary editor and opera critic of The Times, in London yesterday. The only previous winner of the award was Joan Bakewell. the brondenster

The £1,000 cheque was handed over by Sally Burgess, leading mezzo-soprano with the English National Opera and Opera North, at the BP arts journalism awards ceremony at the BAFTA centre in Piccadilly.

In the sixth year of the awards, win-

£1,770,457 net.

valued at £553,519 net.

£65,500 to personal legatees, £500 to Badsworth church

ners in each category received cheques for £1,500 for work in arts and heritage reporting in the United Kingdom in 1991. Cheques for £500 were presented to those who came second,

Photography: Michael Powell (The Times) and Gerard Uferas (The Independent Magazine); (no second prize); highly commended: Geraint Lewis (The Independent), Edward Sykes (The

independent). Press: Andreas Whittam Smith (The independentl: second: Jim Love (Invenness Courier); highly commended: Mark Lawson (The Independent Magazine); Radio: Beaty Rubens (BBC Radio 4 Kaleidoscope); second: Frank Delaney (BBC Radio 2); highly commended: Ingrid Hassler (BBC World Service), Mike Owen (BRMB FM).

TV: Martin Davidson and Benjamin

Woolley (BBC2 Late Show); second: Mark Levender (Tyne Tees TV); highly commended: Andrew Burroughs (BBC

Latest wills

Sir Kenneth Russell Corts, of to the Yorkshire Cameer Research Great Missenden, Buckingham-shire, former Lord Mayor of London, left estate valued at Stockerston, Leicestershire, left Mr John Bertram Painton, of Stockerston, Leicestershire, left estate valued at £1,639,871 net.

Sir Ronald Offwer Carless Swayne, of Chicksgrove, Tisbury, Wiltshire, a founder director of Overseas Containers, left estate Mr John Eric Millsank, of Grazeley Green, Reading, Berk-shire, left estate valued at £1,252,388 net. He died Mr Sidney Arthur Walton, of Upton, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,112,970 net. He left Mrs Doris Cecilia Levy, Liverpool, left estate valued E1,949,118 net.

Mr Robert William Addison, of Sudbury, Suffolk Mrs Marie Adley, of Hove, East Superv. E831, 143.

£1;320,350 net. He died

Mr George Norman Benson, of Whitby, North Yorkshire 2759,815.

Mrs Mitmie Audrey Holt, of Disbury, Manchester E541,383. Mr William Henry Matthews, of Couledon Surrey 5676.587.
Mr Lawrence Succifie West.
of Hale, Greater .£581,714.

John William Scott. Stoke Hammond, Buckinghamshire...: ... £509.359. Mrs Edith Irone Sta Sharman, West .6611,855.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E. Bowen-Jones and Miss V. Towneley The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Mr and Mrs Adrian Bowendaughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Townelsy. Jones, and Victoria, fourth

Mr R.D. Griffiths

and Miss S.J. Coombes The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of Mr and Mrs Norman Griffiths, of Dinas Powys, South Glamorgan, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Coombes, of Norwood Hill, Surrey.

Mr J.C.L. Hearn and Miss V.E.L. Horasby The engagement is announce between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Clive Hearn, of Cuffley, Herdordshire, and Victoria, youngest daughter of the Reverend Edgar and Mrs Hornsby, of Cambridge.

Dr S.R. Kelly and Dr L.J. Raberts The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.H.S. Kelly, of Taunion. Somerset, and Lorna, younger daughner of Mr and Mrs R.D. Roberts, of Ealing, London.

Marriage

Mr K.W. Rigby and Miss C.E.F. Grant The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Mr Brian Rigby, of Beaconsfield, and of Mrs J. Laycock, of Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire, and Camilla, daughter of Mr John Grant, of Learnington Spa, and Mrs Nicola Grant, of Binton,

Stratford-upon-Avon. Mr M. Thompson

and Miss H. Dow The engagement is announced between Matthew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Thompson, of Pelsail, West Midlands, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William Dow, of Poole,

Mr R.A. Webbe and Miss P.D. Hildreth The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Professor and Mrs G. Webbe, of Wheathampstead, Herdordshire, and Pamela, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.V. Hildreth, of

Mr R.A. Youngman and Miss A.J. Swann

The engagement is announced between Richard Antony, elder between Richard Antony, elder son of the late Mr Tony Youngman and of Mrs Ann Youngman, of Charsfield, Suffolk, and Alison Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie Swann, of Melton, Suffolk.

Admiral of the

Mr P.M. Village and Miss A.H. Wallis
The marriage took place on Saturday, March 28, at the Temple Church, London, EC4, of Mr Peter Malcolm Village, youngest son of the late Mr Malcolm Village and of Mrs Margaret Village, to Miss Alison Helen Wallis, daughter of Mr Helen Wallis, daughter of Mr Bert Wallis and the late Mrs Eileen Wallis. The Master of the Temple, Canon Joseph Robinson, officiated

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rose Village, Henry Village, Archie Village and Louis Village, Mr Donald Norman was best man.

A reception was held in the Parliament Chamber of the Inner Temple. The honeymoon will be spent in India and Switzerland.

University news

Lord Palumbo, Chairman of the Arts Council is to become Chan-cellor of the new University of Portsmouth.

Fleet The Lord **Fieldhouse**

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Admiral of the Fleet The Lord Fieldhouse, of Gosport, will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Wednesday, May 27, 1992. Those wishing to attend are asked to apply for tickets, by not later than May 6, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 27. The Chapter Office, 20 Room 27, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, London, SWIP 3PA. Tickets will be posted on May 13. Tickets will be issued on an individual basis and applica-tions should include the full names of all those who wish to attend. Admission to the service will be by ticket only.

Sir John Starr Paget

A service of thanksgiving for Sir John Starr Paget will be held on Friday, April 3, at Christ Church, Victoria Road, London, W8, at

Telephone 071 481 4000

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZUISFILLIUS U	7 H 7 OH 1 T T T
The Lord said to him. Who is it that gives man speech? Who makes him dumb or deaf?	. MARRIAGES
Who makes him keen sighted or blind? Is it not 1, the Lord? Exodus 4: 11 (RES)	The marriage took place on Monday March 30th at
BIRTHS	Castle Lodge, Cambridge, of Mr Richard Marc Hordern, elder son of Major and Mrs
ASHTON - On March 30th 1992. lo Siephanie (née Nume kérri anii Peier, a son IJames Nicholas Martinei, a brother lo Charlolle.	M.P.C. Hordern, lo Mise Amanda Jane Pritchard, daughter of the late Mr David Pritchard and of Mrs Elizabeth Pritchard.
English on March 2011, to Charles and Rebecca thee Platts Mills), a son, Alexander Charles George, a	SILVER ANNIVERSARIES
brother for Marcus CHAVASSE - On March 28th, at Arrowe Park Hospital, to Susan the Booth and Charles, a son.	SYED - On the Saturday after Easter: let April 1967, at St Stephen's Church. Chelten- ham, by the Revd J W.M. Vyee, vicar of St Mary
Christopher Bernard. CLARKE - On March 25th, to Alison (nie Tierney) and Duncan. a daughter.	Abchurch, London, Richard Keith Rose Syed to Isabel Madeline Foveaux Kirby.
Copes iose Elenor, a sister for i Alexandra BAVIDSON - On March 30th.	ADIE - On Friday March 27th.
at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Gerald and Signone, a son, Jack,	peacefully after a short illness, Jack Jesson CMG. Order of the Brilliant Star of
DENT - On Monday March 30th, in Kalherine (nee Townshend) and Piers, a	Zanzibar, aged 78 Widower of Pat and much losed father of Susan. Peter and Jane.
daughier, Lucia. FORD - On March 27th, to Charlotte take Broadles Land	The functor will take place at Putney Vale Crematorium at 1 30 on Friday April 3rd, No flowers please but donations
John, in Harare, Zimbabwe, a daughter, Jesska Mary, BINY-DULOISON - On March	to Royal Opers House Benevolent Fund, c/o Joyce Riley, Cotont Garden,
50th 1992, to Katharine mée Burkard: and Charles, a son, George,	ALLEN - On March 26th
HAINING - On March 26th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, in Alexandra mee Whiter and Andrew a daughter, Saskla Inita Eastwood	1992. Pegitha, most dearly losed by her husband John, her daughters Alfia and Antonia and her grandchildren Patrick and
HIGHAM - On March 24th, to Catherine there Ennist and	Francesca. Private family figureral Family flowers only

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ALLEN - On March 26th 1992, Pegitha, most dearly loved by her husband John, her daughlers Altha and Antonia and her grandchildren Patrick and Francesca. Private family funeral Family flowers only but donalions if desired to the Hodgkins. Disease Association c/o C. Waterhouse & Sussex. Loi: (0435) 882219 Catherine thee Ennist and John Ason Edmund George Christopher, a brother for Miranda. Charlotte, Christian and Patrick.

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AVERY - On March 30th, sunderthy at home. Elste, aged 70, widow of Jack, dearly lowed mother of Sally, Jones. Mars, and Anne: lexing grandmother to all her grandchildren. Cremation at Beckenham Crematorium on Friday April 3rd at 3 30 pm. Enquiries to H Copeland & Son (081) 650-2295 Regions and Dispersion And Dispersion and Dispersion and March 24th at the Humana Hospital Mellington, to Antonia and March, a you Dimites CAMineration of Anionis and Mellington. To Anionis and Mellington. To Anionis and Mellington. To Anionis and Mellington. To Mistro 23rd. at the Lindo Wing, St Mary's. Paddington. To Caroling the Policy of Policy. A second Policy. A second Color of Robert.

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was a lovely lady. Fumeral Sen ke was held at Paridois Crematorium. Harlow on March 27th. followed by Interneuil al Si John's Church Loughton, Essex. on March 31st

BENNETT - On March 29th 1992, at his home in Baldwins Gale. Siafford whire. Gordon Bereslote Betuelli. aged 69 years, dearly loved by Mac and all his family. Funeral Friday April 3rd at Methodist Church, Ryecroit. Newcastle at 11 45 am. No flowers, donations to North Staffs Hoppitals Cancer Fund crop Hon Co ardinator Mrs C.a. Smills. 20 Health Grove. Methodist. Stoke-on-Trent ST3

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Heath. Stoke-on-Trent ST3
7JT Enquiries H Goodwin
& Son. (0782) 616586.
BICKERDIKE - On March MONTEITH - On March 30th. al St Mary's Hospital Portsmouth, to Relecca unee James ap John and Gregory, a daughter, Martha Clare, Dro graffas NEVILLE - On Thursday

& Son. (0782) 616686.

BICKERDIKE - On March
26th. Rhoda mee Dawson,
arild and writer, aged 94.
Funeral at Moritake
Crematorium. W4. on April
7th at 3 pm and afterwards
at her home. No Rowers,
donations to Survival
International Memorial
meeting at Hammersmith
Friends Meeting Mouse on
June 13th at 3 pm.

BOWLER - On March 26th TAYLOR - On March 29th, at SI Georges Hospital, to loanna thee Poliardi and Jonathan, a daughler, Empy TROUNCE - On Match 30th, to Jane unce Garitt and Timothy a daughter Harriet, a sister for Matthew ULMANN - On March 24th, to BOWLER - On Merch 26th 1992, Stanley William, aged 84. Engineer. Technical-writer and editor in photographic, and molion-picture fields. In George
WARREN - On March 29th, al
51 Michael's Hospital, Bristol,
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DEATHS BLEASE - On March 30th.

suddenty at Lymington.
Revd. Tony Blease. Beloved
husband of J. dear father of
Jonathan. Sally. Mandy and
Nickl and a loving
grandfather. For funeral
arrangements please contact
Diamond & Son. Lymington.
(0090) 672060 The marriage took place on Monday March 30th at Castle Lodge, Cambridge, of Mr Richard Marc Hordern, elder son of Major and Mrs N.P.C. Hordern, lo Miss Amanda Jane Pritchard, daughler of the late Mr David Pritchard and of Mrs Elizabeth Pritchard.

BUNT - On Mother's Day BUNT - On Mother's Day March 29th, Marion May use Daylest aged 65 years, peacefully at home years, peacefully at home with Midthew. Beloved daughter of Este Davies and a dear stater to Pai Opidesmith of Falmouth. Funeral Service at Christchurch. Fulwood. Sheffield, on Friday April 3rd at 2.18 pm. prior to cremation at Mulculfe Wood Crematonum. Floral tributes Crematori at Pitticine Wood Crematorium. Floral Urbutes or donallors for Cancer Research to be sent to B & C Funeral Service. Buffolk Road, Sheffield.

BUSSEY - On March 26th
1992, Roger John, aged 30,
hushand of Jill and father of
Somanthe and Jeremy,
suddenly at his home in
Magdalen Laver, Funeral
look place on March 30th at
Magdalen Laver Church.

CURRIE - On March 30th 1992, Alam Fleming, born in Lerds 1909, husband for 57 years of Gwen, father of William and the lale Victoria. Funeral at 81 Alban's Church, Birmingham, on Friday April 3rd at 1 30 pm. No flowers.

No flowers.

DICK - On March 29th 1992. suddenly bul peacefully, aged 69. John Henry Michael. formerly of Tonbridge, Kenl and then Ettington. Warwickshire Funeral Service on Friday April 3rd at 9t Francis Assist Church. Southam Street. Kineson. Warwickshire at 10.45 am, followed by cremation at Mid Warwickshire Crematorium. Oakley Wood. Newbold Parry. Warwickshire at 11.50 am Family flowers only, but donations if destred to British Heart Foundation (A.E. Bennet 4 Sons. 34 Sheep Street, Stratford upon-Avon, Warwickshire.

DOLL - On March 29th.
Chir ilan, at home with his family. Fumeral Friday April and 4 pm. Surrey & Sussex Crenatorium. Crawley No flowers please. donations if desired. Si Catherine's Hospice. Crawley EDEN - On March 28th 1992, aged 78 years, Peler, husband of Herma, of Salthouse in the County of Norfolk Private (tuneral, Memorial party at Salthouse on May 16th.

grandmother Service at Croydon Crematorium on Thursday April 2nd at 2 pm.

DEATHS ODHAME - On March 29th.

peacefully wifer 'a brief:
iliness. Geoffrey Charles
(Sam), in the Royal Berkehtre
Hospital, husband of Bee and
fairer of Tim. Elizabeth.
Lindsey and Anthony.
Service at St. Andrew's.
Boxtord. at 3.30 pm on
Wadnesday. April 8th.
Family flowers only.

PARR - On Sunday March
29th, pencefully at Bordean
House N/H, Mary, much
loved mother of Citism and
Jonathan, and vister of
Margaret. Funeral 2 pm on
April 5th at East Meen
Church. Firmers and
enquiries to Petersited
Funeral Services (19 The
Square. Petersited tel:
0730 627111 or denations to
Bordean House via the
funeral directors.

PARTRIDGE - On March 27th peacefully at home, Kenneth Vornon, seed \$2, wartime RAF havigator and retired building society executive, beloved husband of the late Crace, and much loved father and grandfather, Cremation, Bournersouth 3pm Monday Abril 6th

Japin Monday April 6th

PENHOUE - On Mether's Day
March 29th 1992. Susanna
Elizabeth, Beloved wife of
Tony, and mother of Ami.
Eliza and Joshua. Peatrfully
at home following a long
illness. Funeral Service at
Pautourne Crematerium on
Thursday April 3rd at 3 pm.
Family and close triends
only, Flowers to Haine & Son
Lid... 19 South Street.
Eastbourne, of if desired
donations to Dr. Cotin
Tourie's Rumaniam Relief
Fund c/of The Health Centre.
Vicarage Field, Hallaham.
East Sussex.

REFITES - On Sunday March

East Sussex.

REEVES - On Sunday March
29th 1992, at B.U.P.A.
House, Milton Keynes,
Marparet Edith, aged 8t
years, of Podington, wife of
the late Kit Reeves, mother of
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Ar K.W. Right and Miss C.E.F. Grans like offigagement of arms Norman Scott Bruce, Scot-And the second of the second o tish rugby international. died of cancer in Oswestry on March 28 aged 59. He was born in Edinburgh on constant distribution and and an armine distribution of the armine distribu June 26, 1932.

> NORMAN Bruce played in 31 rugby union internationals for Scotland and was for many years a guiding light in army rugby circles. He won a reputation as a mobile and aggressive hooker during his six years in Scotland's national team between 1958 and 1964. For four of those years he was part of a formidable front row, alongside David Rollo and Hugh McLeod, as Scotland emerged from the era of failure which had dog-

> **UBITUARIES**

ged them through much of the 1950s. He was educated at Galashiels Academy and played for Gala and the South of Scotland before his career with the army took him south. He was commissioned in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and played for the Army, the Combined Services and Hampshire while his club rugby was played for Blackheath and subsequently London Scottish, where he was part of a star-studded XV.

He won his first cap against France in 1958 and though a shoulder injury kept him out of the next international, his subsequent 30 appearances

were consecutive. His record includes three international tries, one against South Africa at Port Elizabeth, when Scotland were the first of the home unions to make a short overseas tour, and one against England in his final international in 1964. He would probably have won more caps but a posting that year took

him to Borneo. He also played for the Barbarians, including their tour to South Africa in 1958, but missed selection for the 1959 British Isles touring party to New Zealand at a time when outstanding candidates from other countries included Ronnie Dawson (Ireland), who captained the Lions, and the

experienced Welshman, Bryn Meredith. Bruce was an outstanding technician in an era when hooking was far more of a specialist position than it is today. Although quite a big man for the position at 6ft and 14st 4lb he could heel the ball from a very low position and contemporaries such as Jim Telfer, later the Scottish coach, testify to his leadership qualities and the encouragement he offered on and off the field to young players coming

into the side. Although he did not lead his country he captained the Army many times and the official history of the Army Rugby Union said: "Few, if any, regular army officers can have had such a distinguished career in international rugby as he, and no-one has done more to stimulate enthusiasm for the game or raise the standard of play at

all levels in the service." In Army terms his greatest achievement was to take a XV from his small unit, the 28th Company RAOC, to success in the United Kingdom final of the Army Cup. He later became chairman of the Army selectors and a vicepresident of the Army RU before leaving the service, as a lieutenant-colonel, some seven years ago. He took up a teaching post at a private

school in Oswestry. He leaves a widow, Shella, a son and a daughter.

EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Easley Blackwood, bridge authority and former insurance manager, died in Indianapolis on March 27 aged 89. He was born in

THE Blackwood convention for discovering the number of aces held by a partner is by far the best known, most used and most misused - bidding convention in bridge. But many players are unaware that it bears the name of a real person who until last Friday continued to live in the town where he had invented it 60 years earlier. The convention was reject-

ed by Ely Culbertson, the man who for twenty years from the 1930s totally dominated the bridge scene and controlled the means of publicity. But Blackwood's convention spread rapidly by word of mouth, first in his home town, then in regional tournaments, and finally all over the world.

Blackwood himself likened the story to that of a politician who is overwhelmingly elected to public office against the united opposition of the political parties and media, "Everybody was against me," he said, "but the public."

When Blackwood, a young insurance office manager, had his brainwave, contract bridge had not long been invented by America's richest man, Harold S. Vanderbilt. Bidding systems were in their infancy and players often reached a slam only to find that there were two aces

Blackwood realised that a declaration of four no trumps



would seldom provide a profitable final contract so he proposed using this call as a cipher, asking, in effect, "partner, how many aces have you got?" In response, Five Clubs would signify no

aces, Five Diamonds one ace, and so on. Blackwood had to keep relatively quiet about his invention as his superiors in the

insurance office did not like

him wasting time on bridge. He therefore tried to publicise the convention under a pseudonym. Then he found that his company's president was a keen player so he formed a partnership with him and life became easier. But not until 1949 did he publish his first book, and by then the convention had already been described in 57

other books, though Black-

wood himself had not made a penny. Culbertson eventually capitulated and included the Blackwood convention in his own standard text book. Like Henry Canossa he went to Indianapolis and presented Blackwood with a copy, but could not resist boasting that he had made \$100,000 from another book on his own four no trump convention, even though this was a failure and is now almost forgotten.

Later, Blackwood made a big income from his bridge enterprises, including teaching and dub ownership. He played the violin, sang, enjoyed chess, studied history, and was an accomplished writer and lecturer, but as a bridge player he won only minor championships.

Blackwood was born in the Deep South, in Birmingham, Alabama, where his father was a merchant. He did not go to college but, starting as a clerk, became, at 26, the Metropolitan Life Insurance company's youngest-ever sales office manager when he moved to Indianapolis.

Blackwood played the earli-er game, auction bridge, as a child with his parents and grandparents, but his wife Beatrice came from a Southern Methodist family in which cards were forbidden. Blackwood himself taught her to play bridge and on their 50th anniversary she had just gained high rank in the master points scheme. "I am married to the slowest bridge teacher in the world," the said.

She died in 1982. Their son Easley is a professor of music and a composer.

APPRECIATIONS

Friedrich von Hayek

I WAS a student at LSE in 1930 when Hayek (obituary March 25) burst on the scene and delivered his lectures, afterwards published as Prices and Production. To say that the effect was sensational is to put it mildly. Here was an entirely new approach to the problem of the trade cycle which had been agitating the minds of economists throughout the Twenties with little agreement among them. The underlying concepts were completely new to English-speaking economists, few of whom read German or know anything of the works of Böhm-Bawerk, Mayer and Mises, pillars of the Austrian school.

There was no doubt about the intellectual stimulus. But what did it all mean in practical terms? It seemed to be pointing to further deflation as a cure for current ills at a time when the world was slipping deeper and deeper into depression and disorder. Could this possibly be right? Fortunately the combination of Keynesian economics and Rooseveltian pragmatism saved the world from even greater calamity than it in

fact suffered. As a technical economist therefore it cannot be said that Hayek was a success. The book was savaged by academics on both sides of the Atlantic. For those brought up in the classical British tradition its central concepts were almost unintelligible. I spent two years of my young life grappling with this problem for my Master's de-gree, for which Hayek himself was one of my examiners! He must have approved of my efforts because he awarded me the degree in 1933. It was all in vain, however, and in the battle between the London school of Hayek, Robbins et al and the Cambridge school led by Keynes,

the latter swept all before it. But if as a pure economist Hayek failed, many of his basic social and political ideas have been, as we know, triumphantly vindicated. It is good to think that he lived long enough to see that triumph.

Sir Samuel Galdman, KCB

DURING the war young staff at LSE were thin on the ground. Thus when I went up to LSE in 1943 the professors had to act as tutors to first year students. I and a male student had Professor Hayek as our tutor and I well remember seeing him sitting in his armchair with his long legs stretched out, like the Low cartoon of Keynes, He was courtesy and kindness itself to us, especially as we were both vociferously left wing and inclined to Laski's views as embodied in the New Statesman. Each week we had to prepare an essay for him and two tutorials stand out in my mind: one when we had to review The Road to Serfdom (which we had to



buy for 6s), I have the blue slim bound copy still: and secondly when we had to write an essay on inheritance tax. I was all for swingeing taxes, but would agree with his point of view now in my more mature years.

Cynthia Walton

I SHARE Arthur Seldon's appreciation of Friedrich von Hayek's contributions to the theory of Capital. I, too, was one of his students, but a few years earlier than Seldon. during the worst phase of the great depression of 1931-33, and attended his postgraduate seminar a little later.

During the present general election campaign, it seems that each of our political leaders has omitted to appreciate the import of one of Havek's cardinal perceptions. Whilst the total level of taxation and its distribution among various classes of the electorate is clearly of great political im-portance. Hayek attached much greater Importance to the kinds of taxation that were appropriate for dealing with the British balance of payments, always the most important of Britain's many economic concerns. He perceived that taxes levied especially upon the rich, in the political interest of "equality", even if they did provide more iobs in the short run for the unemployed, must inflict special damage upon the British balance of payments. For it is the relatively rich whose investments provide the major part of the advanced capital equipment of the private sector of industry, commerce and agriculture upon each of which the competitive strength of the British economy overwhelmingly depends.

These considerations have nothing whatsoever to do with the subject of "social justice", but the grim weight of their logic compels us to accept them.

One day, a group of his students, including myself, were descending in a crowd ed lift after one of his seminars. Behind us, at the back of the lift, stood the tall figure of our teacher. Commenting upon the political furore of the time (very similar to the wrangling of today) we heard him say, sadly: "If only things would stop happening for a while, we might get down to some real economics." Quite.

Richard Terrell

ADMIRAL GEORGE ANDERSON

Admiral George Whelan Anderson, Chief of US Naval Operations during the Cuban missile crisis of 1962, died of congestive heart failure in a nursing home in McLean, Virginia. on March 20 aged 85. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, on December

15, 1906.

AT THE height of the Soviet missile crisis in Cuba, with the world poised perilously close to the brink of conflict between the superpowers, President John Kennedy sent a message to George Anderson. "Well, Admiral," he said. "it looks as though this is up to the Nevy."
Anderson replied: "Mr President, the
Navy will not let you down." Nor did it. Anderson organised the blockade of Cuba which proved a major factor in defusing the situation.

The action brought him to public feature him on the cover and describe him as "an aggressive blue-water sailor of unfaltering competence and uncom-mon flair." Behind the scenes, however. these same qualities were leading to a clash which brought his 36-year naval career to a sudden halt.

At issue was the degree to which civilian officials in the Administration should involve themselves in military affairs. Anderson bitterly resented the interference of Robert McNamara, then defence secretary, in his conduct of the Cuban operation, and the two men were said to have had a blazing row in the Situation Room at the Pentagon over specific ship deployments. He also dashed with McNamara over the use of the TFX fighter plane which the defence secretary wanted deployed with both the US Navy and Air Force, but which Anderson regarded as unsuitable for carrier operations. Congress agreed with him on that one, and McNamara retaliated by thwarting the Navy's long-held plans to have all its aircraft carriers nuclear-powered.

The abrasive conflict between the two men could have only one outcome: Anderson was abruptly fired from the post of operations chief in 1963. President



Kennedy, however, had been so impressed with the navy's handling of the Cuban blockade that he launched Anderson on a new career, appointing him as United States ambassador to Portugal. During his three years in the post, Anderson encouraged plans for a peaceful transition of the Portuguese colonies in Africa to independence. He returned to government service in 1973 as a member of the president's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, later becoming its chairman before leaving the post in

George Anderson entered the US Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1927 and trained as a pilot after graduation. He flew as a test pilot and in the years before the war served in cruisers, flying catapult launched seaplanes, and in the aircraft carriers Lexington (known affectionately throughout the American fleet as "Ladv Lex"), from which he flew fighter sorties, and Yorktown.

During the early part of the war he was involved in the formulation and plan-ning of the American aircraft production programme in the challenging circumstances of a rapid expansion of naval aviation to combat the Japanese threat in the Pacific. The job also involved him in liaison with the Army Air Force which brought him an Army Commendation Ribbon - and authorisation to wear it, though a naval officer. In 1943 he was appointed navigator and tactical officer aboard the second USS Yorktown, the first having been sunk at the Battle of Midway in June 1942 ("Lady Lex" had perished at the Battle of the Coral Sea in the previous month). As tactical officer Anderson took part in directing air strikes in the Pacific. More fortunate than her predecessor, the second Yorktown survived the war and Anderson was decorated for his outstanding services while aboard her.

After the war, when General Dwight Eisenhower needed an assistant at the headquarters of Nato, he asked the navy you've got." He got George Anderson. Anderson went on to command a task force operating between Taiwan and mainland China, and later took charge of the Sixth Fleet. After leaving the navy he became chairman of an outdoor advertising company and served on the boards of several other corporations. A devout Roman Catholic, Anderson

frequently issued advice on moral matters to his crews over the ship's broadcast system. These transmissions became known sardonically as "The Sea Scout Hour". Nevertheless his plous concern for moral welfare had its practical side, most notably demonstrated in his in-structing his medical orderies to issue penicillin pills to prostitutes at ports of call, thus, he claimed, cutting the incidence of venereal disease among his sailors by half. His men also respected him for his concern for their families when ships were at sea for extended periods; sick wives were not infrequently the recipient of flowers organised by their husbands' commanding officer.

He was widowed in 1947, and two sons who became navy pilots also predeceased him. He is survived by Mary. his second wife of 44 years, and a

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MYSTERIOUS MR. HARRIS

Many people were yesterday made the victims of an elabomade the victims of an elaborate hoax - a day before All Fools' Day. They received a letter, purporting to be written by solicitors inviting them to be present at a meeting of "legatees" at Epsom College, to hear the reading of a will made by a former master.

The majority of the recipients of the letter seem to have been named Harris, corres ponding with that of the mythi cal testator, but either because the supply of names ran out, or for more subtle reasons, the hoaxers also selected a number of people whose surnames begin with "D" or "G".

Whatever pleasant anticipatory feelings were aroused by the letter were quickly change to wrath when it was found that the address was that of a boarding house, that no such firm of solicitors existed, and that "John Sebastian Harris. deceased," had lived and died only in the imagination of the letter-writers:

The letter read:-

"Dear Sir.- We have to inform you as executors to the estate of John Sebastian Harris, deceased, we are empowered to call a meeting of the legatees under his will, as directed by him in a codicil of that will. As at the time of his decease he was a master at Epsom College, the will will be read there. Can you arrange to be present at this reading and so avoid a number of irksome formalities? It will be held at the Bursary, Epsom College. Epsom. Surrey, at 7.30pm on Tuesday. March 31, 1931. If you are

Bursary all day Tuesday, or with the writer at the above address. — Yours faithfully, for Thomas and Gifford, F. G. The secretary to Madame

Tussaud's Exhibition stated that between 50 and 60 inquiries had been made by telephone from people named Harris. "At first," he said. "they seemed to think we were the authors of the letter for

The bursar of the college, Major W. L. Giffard, said: The whole thing is a hoax from beginning to end. There John Sebastian Harris at this school, and there is no firm of olicitors named Thomas and

"We have already had six that it has been done by someone outside who has an intimate knowledge of the school, possibly someone who has recently left."

The police are inquiring into was Detective-sergeant Scott.

Anniversaries BIRTHS: William Harvey, phy-

Ralph Brain

RALPH Brain, OBE, former

Oxford correspondent of the

The Times, died on March 28

aged 80. For a quarter of a

century he supplied university

and other news to the news-

paper, including the

Norrington Table, the con-

troversial annual analysis of

colleges' academic success.

He was awarded the honor-

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DEATHS: Robert III, king of Scotland 1390-1406. Rothesay. 1406; Scott Joplin, pianist and composer. 1917; Ferenc Molnar, dramatist. New York, 1952; Max Ernst, Surrealist painter and sculptor, Paris, 1976. The Royal Air Force was formed.

absorbing the Royal Flying Corps, 1918.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, will pre-side at the annual meeting at the National Westminster Hall, Old Broad Street, City, at 11.10; and will preside at a meeting of the executive committee afterwards. Later, as Honorary Member of the Tiger Club, he will attend a dinner to mark the 35th anniversary at London House, Mecklenburgh Square, Blooms-bury, at 7.30.

Radar study of medieval manor

By JOHN YOUNG

SEVEN rooms at Ightham Mote, Kent, which have never before been seen by the public, will be on view for the first time when the 650-yearold manor house reopens today.

by Oxford University in 1971

in recognition of his work.

Five years later he was ap-

Born at Wootton, near

Woodstock, and educated at

Oxford High School, he

ioined the Oxford Times in

1928. After war service with

the Royal Army Medical

Corps, he returned to the

Oxford Times and its sister

paper, the Oxford Mail, and

became chief reporter in

pointed OBE.

Their repair and furnishing completes the first phase of a £7.500,000 restoration project by the National Trust, among the biggest and most delicate it has undertaken. The house is probably the most complete medieval moted manor in Britain, the earliest parts dating from 1340.

In 1531 it was bought by Sir Richard Clement, a member of Henry VIII's court who added the gate tower and other extensions, and then passed into the ownership of the Selby family. In 1889 it was sold to Sir Thomas Colyer Fergusson, and in 1951 was acquired by an American businessman, Charles Henry Robinson, who left it to the National Trust on his death in 1985.

Stuart Page, the architect

in charge of the restoration,

said yesterday that it was a

fascinating mix of high technology and centuries old building methods. For example, much of the survey work was carried out by radar and results fed onto computers, whereas the outside render-

> limestone, sand, cattle manure and hairs. Another feature of the project was that the public had been able to watch the restoration taking place. They would also be able to see work on the second phase, the repair of the gate tower, which expected to begin this

ing was with a mixture of

The rooms on view for the first time are two dressing rooms, two bedrooms and a bathroom, the housekeeper's room, and a butler's pantry. Nearly all the furniture has come from recent bequests to the trust.

Almost £500,000 has been raised by appeal in the past two years, and a further £750,000 has come from grants and legacies. The house is open daily from April to the end of October, except Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Church news Clergy resignations and

The Rev George Dunning, Vicar, St Alban, South Norwood (South-wark): to retire as from 30

The Rev Canon Stephen Huxley. Vicar, Wylam (Newcastle): to re-tire as from 30 June. The Rev Canon Timothy Marshall, Vicar, Shirebrook, and an Honorary Canon of Derby Cathedral (Derby): to retire as from 30 April when he will be appointed a

Canon Emeritus. The Rev Cyril Munt, Rector, Porlock with Stoke Pero (Bath and Wells): to retire as from 30 November. The Rev Howard Pennington,

Assistant Curate, St Mary Brookfield (London): to resign as from 31 March. The Rev John Sertin, Rector, Donyatt with Ashill with Broad-

way (Bath and Wells): to retire as from 31 May. The Rev Stanley Underhill, Rector, Dymchurch Saints Peter and Paul with Burmarsh, All Saints; and Newchurch, Saints Peter and

Paul (Canterbury): to retire as

from 30 June.

Cavendar.

Other appointment Mr Tim Berry to be Acting Diocesan Registrar and Bishop's Acting Legal Secretary (Bath and Wells), as from 1 April, upon the resignation of Mr. N.M.

Church in Wales Diocese of Llandaff

The Ven Douglas Gordon James to retire as Archdeacon of Margam, and in June from the Incumbency of Aberdare.

Cranwell graduation

Air Vice-Marshal J.S. Allison. Air Officer Commanding No 11 Group Royal Air Force Bendley Priory, was the reviewing officer at the graduation of 64 officers of no 139 initial officer training course and six officers of no 247 specialist entrant and re-entrant course from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell on March 26.

Prize winners The Hennesty Trophy and Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize Flying Officer L B Taylor: Briesh Alrean Corporation Trophy: Pilot Officer J R Sherriff: Group Capitaln Williams' Memorial Trophy: Flying Officer M G Doyle. General Duties Branch - Pilot Plying Officers: T J P Burke, P A Burlingham, R J Chevil, A J Cowle, M G Doyle, G C Headland, S Woollard, C P J Zarecky.

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S J O'Dell, J G C Tapping.
Flot Officer M N Reif.

Engineer Struck Find Officers: G W Reed, J Starling WAAF
Pilot Officers: D J Jarvis, F C M
Swanson WRAF

Weavers' Company Mr Peter Lewis presented the Weavers' Company textile prize scheme awards at Saddlers' Hall yesterday. The Young Weaver of the Year award was won by Mr Jeremy Stubbs and the Weavers'

Company medal and prize went to Mr William Holden. The University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology and the West Surrey College of Art and Design received technology awards. Design awards were presented to the Royal Society of Arts, the Royal College of Art, and

Texprint. Mr John Bevan, Upper Bailiff, was host at a reception and luncheon held afterwards.

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communicate either with Mr. Thomas, who will be at the

This hoax was written on well printed headed writing paper which included two Welbeck

the authors of the letter for advertising purposes and were very annoyed, but we assured them that we had had nothing to do with the hoax and had been equally annoyed. "We have sent round to the

address in Noningham-place and are assured by the people there that they know nothing of the letter. It is a senseless

persons call at the college and 20 people have telephoned. Among those who have called is a doctor from Sutton and a lady who has been ill and got up from her bed to come. We are very sorry at what has happened, but it was not done in the school. Our opinion is

Between 7 and 7.30pm yesterday a number of people, most of them in motor-cars, arrived at Epsom College. They included professional men (some of whom were doctors). business men, small shopkeepers, and women.

the matter, and among those in the Bursar's office at 7.30pm. the time mentioned in the letter for "the reading of the will."

Hopkins scores British Oscar hat-trick as The Silence of the Lambs sweeps the board

Academy veers from the politically correct

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK AND WILLIAM CASH IN LOS ANGELES

HOLLYWOOD threw political correctness to the winds this year, showering its top Oscars on the cannibal horror film The Silence of the Lambs, among them the best actor award to Anthony Hopkins - the third Briton to win the title in three years.

Murder and flesh-eating iokes abounded throughout the four-hour extravaganza as the grizzly thriller forced out the more favoured Bugsy and JFK for the major trophies, best film, best actor. best director for Jonathan Demme, best actress for Jodie Foster and best adapted screenplay, for Ted Tally, Only twice before had a film swept the five big awards: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest in 1975 and It Happened One Night in 1934.

Warren Beatty's gangster epic Bugsy took just two awards, for art direction and costume design, while Oliver Stone's JFK could muster only hest cinematography and film editing. Never in the six decades of

Oscardom had the academy honoured a film so far from its usual requirement that the best pictures be uplifting. such as Driving Miss Daisy and Terms of Endearment or "important", such as Gandhi and The Last Emperor. In recent years, the liberal strictures of political correctness have taken over, producing last year's sweep by the pro-Indian horse opera Dances with Wolves. This year only one award — best original screenplay - went to a PC film: the feminist road movie Thelma & Louise, directed by Britain's Ridley Scott.

Nothing could qualify less

THE MAIN WINNERS

Best picture: The Silence of the Lambs Best actor: Anthony Hopkins. The Silence of the Lambs
Best actress: Jodie Foster, The Silence of the Lambs
Best director: Jonathan Demme. The Silence of the Lambs
Best supporting actor: Jack Palance, City Slickers
Best supporting actress: Mercedes Ruehl, The Fisher King Best original screenplay: Callie Khouri, Thelma and Louise Best adapted screenplay: Ted Tally, Silence of the Lambs Best foreign film: Mediterraneo (Italy) Best cinematography: Robert Richardson, JFK

gruesome Silence with its focus on the encounter between Foster as an FBI agent and Hopkins as the evil Hannibal Lecter who eats human liver with fava beans and Chianti.

Foster, who won her first Oscar for The Accused in 1988, insisted that Silence really doesn't fit into the horror genre. This is really a heavy-duty pschological dra-ma that is totally unex-ploitive." Whatever the lerminology, historians will surely see in Silence a reflection of America's obsession with death and violence.

Accepting his award. Hopkins said he was overwhelmed by the surprise of winning. "It just goes to show the tremen-dous generosity of the American people and the American

Backstage, he credited his success to wearing his favour-ite lucky pair of shoes, adding: "I expected Nick Nolte to win. To be in competition with Warren Beatty, Robert Di Nero and Robin Williams and to win. I really didn't expect at all. I was kind of nervous and then I went numb when Kathy (Bates) read out my name. It all happened in slow motion."

Briton, after Jeremy Irons and Daniel Day Lewis, has prompted some thought about superior British meth-od. "Britons play roles; Americans play variations on their star personae," one Holly-wood veteran said. British accomplishment was also acknowledged when Daniel Greaves collected the award for the best animated short film for his six-minute production, Manipulation. Oscar night had its usual share of embarrassment and bad blood, but militants pro-testing outside about the depiction of a homosexual as a

to disrupt proceedings. Some recipients used their moment in the spotlight to demand a boycott of the General Electric company and Richard Gere, a presenter, urged Con-gress to spend money on Aids research instead of arms. The only uplifting moment when the Atlantis astronauts joined in from orbit to pay tribute to George Lucas after he won the Irving Thalberg

award for his lifetime work, which included the Star Wars

and indiana Jones trilogies.

psychopath in Silence failed



Open-mouthed admiration: Foster and Hopkins savour their awards

A trinket for Mum's mantel shelf

DUW, DUW, as they say in the valleys, didn't Mrs Hopkins' little boy do well! Mind you, anything to get out of the pits although becoming a doctor or preacher or lawyer would have been safer. More steady, see, and you mix with a nicer class of people.

Still, there's no accounting for taste although it's hard to imagine why he couldn't have followed his buttles and got a iob in the steel works.

Pity he got it for being a cannibal because we don't go for that kind of thing in Port Talbot. Nothing wrong with a pie and a pint in this town or scampi for special occasions. The other local lad. what was his name. Burton, well he didn't have to cook human liver in onions to

Still, local people were there the night he started. He walked into the theatre and someone asked him if he could act. He said he didn't know and next thing he was on the stage playing a Roman centurion. He banged his spear on the toe of his mate. Not a brilliant start, was it? Always a bit of a loner at

school, see he hated sports which was not a brilliant move in a town which is rugby mad. Still, I expect his mam is proud of him and so Muriel Hopkins, 77, was

more than proud yesterday as she cleared a place on the mandepiece to make way for her son's Oscar. She had sat up through the

night watching the ceremony on televison and said she was rcome by emotion when his name was announced. Tears came to her eyes when he told the world she was watching. "When his name was announced I couldn't believe it," she said. "I wasn't expecting it, not at all. I am completely overwhelmed and absolutely thrilled.

"Although I was terrified by the character he played, I couldn't put my hands up because I didn't want to miss anything. I couldn't believe it was my son. He just slicked his hair back and became that horrible man."

Hopkins often visits his mother who lives in Newport, Gwent, and is sometimes seen by neighbours pottering about in the garden. Sometimes, with those clear blue

Sanctions to fall on Libya this month

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movement of foreign nationals. No satisfactory explanation has been given. European ambassadors, including the Russians and the Italians. who represent British interests in Tripoli, have been in touch with the Libyan

authorities. John Major yesterday condemned the Libvan refusa, o. visas as "intolerable". Breaking off from his election cam-paign tour in the North-West. the prime minister said ins government's paramount concern was to ensure that the security of British citizens there was absolute and that

they could get out.

Asked whether there was a military option he replied:
"The UN resolution is the next step. We know Gadaifi's record over many years. He has been running a terrorist state, an unpleasant state. We know what he has done. Nobody in the West is under any illusion about him." Sir David Hannay, Britain's am-bassador to the United Na-tions, has raised the matter with Boutros Boutros Gnali. the secretary-general. A Foreign Office spokesman said the situation in Triploi was still "patchy and unclear".

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Tories say Labour hid **CND** links

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Mr Patten said: "What we have done is to demonstrate the links between the Labour party and CND. It's not us who have raised the issue but Labour by so carefully delet-ing any reference to CND from their candidates biographies."

The two ministers said it was possible that all 24 candidates had allowed their CND membership to lapse.

Mr Kinnock said last night: 'We are changing nothing at all, and the Conservatives are fighting a desperately nega-tive campaign that simply won't impress reople."

He said: "I have made my choice about the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, I have also made the choice about Labour's very effective defence policy to ensure that we shall be loyal allies and effective defenders of our country and our country's interests to achieve greater staityand

Hannibal the cannibal opens floodgates of gore

By Geoffrey Brown

TWENTY-ONE years ago. Alfred Hitchcock's jet-black joke of a film. Psycho, was nominated for four Oscars but came home with nothing. This year, the 5,000 members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences have pocketed their usual scruples, and anointed The Silence of the Lambs, the film that enshrined Dr Hannibal Lecter — eminent psy-chologist, madman, serial killer, gorger of human flesh - high in the canon of movie monsters. Seven nominations, five Oscars: can any of us now sleep easy in our beds?

There never was any doubt that

liantly made. Previously known for off-beat, likeable, human-sized films like Melvin and Howard. Demme used every technical trick in the book to enforce the nightmare of Clarice Starling, the FBI trainee sent into the devil's lair of Dr Lecter in her search for clues to Buffalo Bill, a fellow psychopath who abducted young fe-males, killed and skinned them.

Out went humour. Demme's usual calling-card: in came deadly serious-ness. There was no sign here of the impish glint that Hitchcock brought to Psycho, which first opened the floodgates for Hollywood's army of

For Anthony Hopkins, Hannibal Jonathan Demme's film was bril- Lecter proved a comparatively easy me." Starling was warned, "you don't

role. Always comfortable with obsessed, monstrous characters — Bligh in The Bounty, Hitler in The Bunker, the press baron of Pravda — Hopkins turned Thomas Harris's cannibal doctor into an insidiously polite connoisseur of evil. Lecter was on screen for only 30 minutes — kept behind a multitude of bars and steel doors — yet the whole film lay under his shadow.

Jodie Foster stood her ground as fiercely as possible against Hopkins' basilisk stares and purring voice. She turned Clarice Starling into a flinty independent woman, fighting some plunged headfirst into the American psyche's darkest corners. "Believe

want Hannibal Lecter inside your head". Thanks to Demme's relentless direction, neither she nor the audience had any choice. This Oscar windfall sends mixed

signals. By awarding a film that has so tickled the public's fancy, the silver-haired stalwarts that dominate ver-haired stalwarts that dominate the academy have finally ventured out of their ivory tower. Maybe Steven Spielberg will get his shelf-full of Oscars yet. But by enthroning a film that harnesses technical brilliance to despicable material, the academy may encourage more high-powered directors to follow suit, pander to the lowest human instincts and debase lowest human instincts and debase their art. Given the world around us, that would be unhelpful, to say the

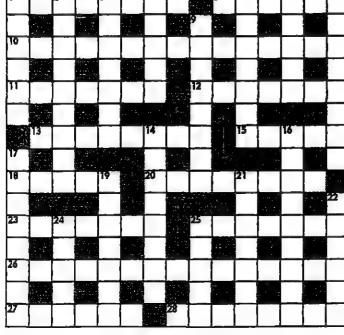
Much of England and Wales will start bright with sunny

intervals and scattered showers, the showers becoming more frequent this afternoon, with hail possible. Cloudy over northern Scotland and the outer isles, with wintry showers and a strong breeze. The rest of Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England will be fairly wet, with snow on hills. Outlook: unsettled,

with showers or prolonged rain. Windy at times and rather cold.



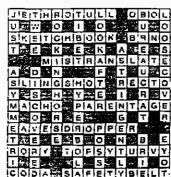
THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,881



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- 12 Rolling round, turned up fast (7).
- 13 Left artist to it, resulting in a picture (8)
 15 Foledo's first blade finds a home
- ก America เจ้า 18 Notes and letter from abroad
- exactly copying the original (5) 20 Green with love for a Scot (8)
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- 25 Well, I got swallowed up by the European giant (7)
- 26 Was the alliance's dissolution completely void (5.2-1.7).
- 27 On Thursday, a sudden migra-

tion affects a bird (o)

Solution to Puzzle No 18,880



- 28 Fighting disrupts trade in settle-
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- without smell (9). 3 Mild pope (7)
- Bismuth has upset the gentleman 6 Part of the car to wear out (7).
- 7 The policeman's code (5).
- 8 A bloomer 15 was mistaken
- 9 He's not a believer in coasting when going downhill (8).
- 14 Desertion from a military establishment not initially simple (8).
- 16 Yokels left out of joke (9). 17 Child permitted to be understood
- 19 The first state finishes (7). 21 File is well hidden during revolu-
- tionary uprising (7). 22 Notes taken into examination, a stiff test (6).
- 24 'e's among the leaders of Arabian Muslims, exacting respect (5). 25 Look for water and plunge into it

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 32 per cent of the competitors at the 1992 Leeds regional final of The Times Inter City Crossword Championship.

Concise crossword is on page 11 of the Life & Times section

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

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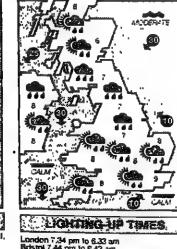
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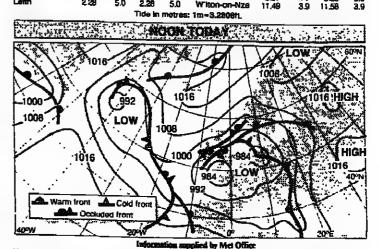
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Building societies must stop blaming the housing market for their woes, says Mike Blackburn, head of the Leeds Page 21

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European Motor Holdings, whose finance director is Ann Wilson, is buying the Wilcomatic car wash business Tempas, page 22

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Property sector shaken by fallout

Shares suffer as Speyhawk falls to massive loss

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

THE property slump claimed another high-profile victim yesterday when Speyhawk announced pre-tax losses of £216.8 million for the year to end-

September. The figure was far worse than had been expected and sent shares tumbling throughout an already shellshocked property sector. Shares in MEPC lost 6p to 306p and Slough Estates shed 7p to 168p.

Speyhawk shares fell from ilp to 2.5p in heavy turn-over, during which 5.4 million shares, or more than 10 per cent of the company, changed hands. At the closing price, Speyhawk was valued at about £500,000, but huge debts mean that it has a negative net worth of about £70 million

The stock market reaction to the Speyhawk figures re-flected a growing concern over the health of the property

The Speyhawk news came within days of both Olympia & York, the world's largest property group, and Heron International, Britain's second biggest private company, revealing that they were in talks with their respective bankers.

Speyhawk's bottom line loss includes exceptional writedowns of £204.9 million compared with £18.8 million for the previous year. More than half the provisions related to the company's two mass opments, Cannon Bridge and Exchequer Court. Last year, million pre-tax loss.

Speyhawk has been in talks with its 46 banks, led by Barclays and Citibank, since last summer and has "agreed in principle" a restructuring of the company's £300 million of debt. This will involve a subordination of about £75 million of debt into convertible shares, which can be converted into ordinary share capital in the future, depending on the level of asset sales. The subordination would give Speyhawk net tangible

assets and restore its technical solvency. The negotiations on the proposals are des-cribed as being "at an ad-vanced stage," and will be put to shareholders on completion. Trevor Osborne, Speyhawk's chairman and founder, said that the banks had been "responsible, sup-portive and helpful," in their

approach to the company. Analysts said Speyhawk had been hit by overtrading, an overexposure to the South-East market and a mis-timing of the property cycle, which left the company with many developments still in the course of construction or only partly let as the recession.

deepened. There is almost no value to an unfinished or semi-let office building in the City," said one analyst. Most commentators viewed the banks' decision to carry on supporting the company as a pragmatic move aimed at preventing the losses on their lending crystalising in their own profit and loss accounts. Another property analyst said: "I can't foresee a situation in which a £70 million



deficit on shareholders' funds can be made up — if anything it will get worse."

Mr Osborne said his priority would be to achieve letting and sales of completed schemes and maximise returns from the company's for-ward sold developments, including shopping centres in Wimbledon and Harrogate, and an office development in Croydon. The Wimbledon development is about half let and due to open this Christmas. However, the Cannon Bridge development still has about 200,000 sq ft of unlet space, even after the arrival of the newly merged Liffe mar-ket earlier this year.

Mr Osborne, who founded the company in 1965, said he did not apportion blame for what had happened to Spey-hawk. He said the company was a victim of "the adverse conditions in the property market," which had resulte in major developments halving in value between their start and completion. "I built up the company from nothing when I knew nothing, but I now have a great deal of experience and it should be easier the second time around," he said.

The writedowns mean that sales of properties this year should generate profits, but it is not thought that the company as a whole will return to profit until next year at the earliest. The loss per share was 829.7p compared with net assets per share of 438p in September 1990, the date of the last audited balance sheet. The company said that no dividends would be paid

Turnover slumped by more than 70 per cent to £76.4 million as sales dried up in the increasingly hostile trad-ing market. The company was not helped in its sales programme by the last-minute failure to secure a takeover by a Swedish group in August 1990.

Osborne: founder

Sad reflection: Nazmu Virani after his remand by magistrates yesterday

Virani is held in custody

of London police working

with the Serious Fraud Office

decent Secretary.

By JON ASHWORTH

NAZMU Virani, chairman arrested on Monday by City until April 7 and is expected and chief executive of Control Securities, the leisure and property group, has been remanded in custody on a charge of conspiring with others to falsely account to the

value of \$4 million. Mr Virani, aged 45, of Chartfield Avenue, Putney, south-west London, was

as part of an enquiry into the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. He was charged and held in custody overnight at Bish-

opsgate police station. He was remanded in custody by City of London magistrates to apply for bail today. A second man was questioned. then released on bail.

Mr Virani is accused of conspiring with Mohammed Moizul Haque and others to account falsely in furnishing audit confirmations to Price Waterhouse, the external auditor of BCCI (Overseas).

Maine-Tucker

ABB buys Brel stake

By Ross Tieman

ASEA Brown Boveri is to become Britain's biggest rolling stock maker. The Swedish-Swiss engineering group has agreed to buy out the 40 per cent stake in Brel Group, the former British Rail engineer, held by Trafalgar House, its British partner.

The share transfer, for a nominal sum, will give ABB an 80 per cent stake in Brel. Management and employees will hold the remainder.

The agreement completes the assumption of control begun last October, when ABB drafted in its own execuing problems of late deliveries and losses. Brel, which employs 6,500 people, is likely to form the largest unit of the enlarged ABB Transporta-

tion Segment. The extension of ABB ownership of Brel is the latest in a series of acquisitions as Europe's three biggest rolling stock makers, ABB, GEC-Alsthom, the Anglo-French group, and Siemens, of Germany, jockey for position as barriers come down between European national markets.

The European Commission is expected to look closely at this latest concentration of ABB's power. The company's transport business already employs 12,000 people in 17 countries. It is especially strong in Sweden, Spain, Portugal, Denmark, and Germany, where it is engaged in restructuring the Henschel

railway equipment business. An ABB spokesman said the agreement would assist the development of Brei as part of an integrated pan-European rolling stock busi-ness, and provide access to key ABB technology, particularly in electronic controls.

The deal also brings to an end Trafalgar House's illstarred foray into the rolling stock business. Trafalgar House paid £15 million for its stake in Brei when it was

BOUN ADOUU 1989 The investment was subse quently written off after Brei got into mounting difficulties. Despite annual sales of £350 million, and a £1 billion plus order book, a succession of problems pushed Brel into

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Pressure grows again over Lonrho deal with Libya

By COLIN CAMPBELL

SHARES of Lonrho group. the trading conglomerate headed by Tiny Rowland, sank a further 13 p to a fresh eight-year low of 65 p yesterday on investor concern in the wake of Lonrho's recent Metropole hotel deal with the

Yesterday's slide, sparked by the resignation of UBS Phillips & Drew as joint stock-broker to Lonrho, and compounded by suggestions that Lonrho was negotiating more asset sales, wiped off a further E88.5 million from market capitalisation. Market makers say the Libyan deal may have been the last straw for P&D after years of not being kept as fully informed as the broker would expect.

resignation, but said that Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull "will remain as lead brokers to Lourho", and that it had "always been loyal, and fabulous".

Pearson, the newspaper group that owns the Financial Times, declined to comment on the paper's own story that Pearson was "close to a deal to buy (from Lonrho) George Outram, publisher of The Herald newspaper in Glasgow". A Pearson spokesman said that Frank Barlow, Pearson's group managing director, "continues to decline to comment". Mr Spicer said "You may quote me as saying: We have not sold our about any of Lonrho's newspaper interests, Mr Spicer said "Pearson was Pearson". Adverse City reaction to Lonzho's deal to sell a third of

its Metropole hotel chain to the Libyan Arab Foreign Investment Company still rages. Analysts continue to downgrade 1992 profit forecasts and many doubt the wisdom of dealing with the Libyans when United Nations sanctions are being voted on.

America's Fidelity Management and Research group recently bought a 9.8 per cent stake in Lonrho. Analysts say that Fidelity might be under pressure in America because of possible UN sanctions. It is

Lloyd's may lose £1.6bn for 1989

BY OUR CITY STAFF

LATEST figures from Lloyd's underwriters suggest that the market can expect a loss of up to £1.6 billion when the official results for 1989 are announced in June.

piled by the Lloyd's Underwriting Agents' Association (LUAA) at the end of January. The aggregate figures point to a loss in the range of £1.06 billion to £1.65 billion. However, they apply only to underwriting performance of 1989 and do not include further deterioration on open years

dating from before 1989. ☐ An application for in-junctions preventing Lloyd's from stezing names deposits. launched by a group of names in the Commercial Court yesterday, has been

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newspapers to Pearson". understood that Fidelity is Asked if Lonrho was Paul Spicer, a Lonrho depdealing/negotiating with "relaxed" about the deal. adjourned until next week. Westminster Press (a. 100 per uty chairman, had no comment about P&D's cent subsidiary of Pearson) Gaddafi's card, page 13 Letters, page 23

SAS lifts stake in British Midland By Harvey Elliott

AND COLIN NARBROUGH SIR Michael Bishop and his partners have sold shares in Airlines of Britain Holdings, parent company of British Midland, to SAS for £25 million, raising the Scandinavian airline's stake from

24.9 per cent to 40 per cent. Sir Michael, aged 50, will remain the majority shareholder with a 58 per cent stake in Airlines of Britain, which also

owns Manx Airlines and Loganair. The deal was agreed by the Civil Aviation Authority, which said it had "no difficulty with the proposal. Both the European Commission and the Office of Fair Trading have been informed, but

no objections are expected. Sven Heiding, the SAS senior vicepresident, who joins the ABH board as an executive director, made clear that though he emphasised that the relationthe deal gave SAS the right of first refusal to buy more shares in ABH from the majority owners.

creased SAS stake would give the staff an assurance that the airlines would remain independent. "We have had approaches from a number of other airlines who said they would be prepared to become partners if we ended our relationship with SAS. It is important that the staff know that the long-term independence and security of our business is assured rather than being put into the market place . . . As far as I am concerned, once I was 50 I thought it pect to carry on as chairman for as long

million will be naid immediately, mainly to the three largest shareholders — Sir Michael, John Wolfe and Stuart Balmduring the next two years on condition the group, which made a £2.56 million profit last year, remains profitable.

out by BMA, is a major operator at the same airport with 20 flights a day to and from Scandinuvia.

the deal did not mean an end to SAS ambitions regarding the British airline.

ship was long-term and friendly. "When the right time comes SAS might take a majority," he said. He emphasised that However, Sir Michael said the in-

prudent to think about making provi-sion for the future although I fully exas Lord King - and that gives me

another 26 years." Under the terms of the share sale, £12 forth. A further £13 million will be paid BMA now has the second-largest number of slots at Heathrow with ser-

vices to 14 cities in Europe and the UK.

SAS, whose ground handling is carried

Mr Heiding, who ran SAS's European operations in the Eighties, said the deal could be a first step towards British Midland entering the European Quality Alliance that SAS formed with Austrian Airlines and Swissair. He plans to relocate from Stockholm to the Midlands this spring and underlined the friendly nature of the SAS-ABH relationship. He dismissed suggestions that ABH had

gone to SAS for help.

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

Yesterday's emergency eco

Tsutomu Hata, the finance minister, said he believes the

new economic package will allow Japan to achieve the

Economists in Tokyo

branded the emergency mea-

sures as little more than window dressing, saying the economy needs new money before it can be revived. "If

the government is not pre-

pared to put new money into the economy, this package will do nothing to change

corporate sentiment or senti-

ment in the financial mar-

ket," said Jesper Koll of SG

Warburg. Yesterday's news is expect-

ed to be followed by a supple-

mentary budget in the

autumn to boost domestic

spending in the second half of

the year. Private sector econo-

mists have forecast a fiscal

package worth at least Y3

can rebound fully.

government-estimated growth rate of 3.5 per cent in fiscal 1992.

prime minister, said the pack-THE Japanese government's age would ensure that "public economic planning agency and private investments in has announced an "emergenthe first half of fiscal 1992 cy economic package", aimed at stimulating Japan's falter-ing economy, the first since will increase Y5 trillion from a year earlier". Amid wide-1987, when the economy was spread expectations of a cut possibly today - in the dis-count rate, Mr Miyazawa stung by the rapid appreciation of the ven said he trusts the judgment

The package includes mea-sures to encourage utilities and local government to make 75 per cent of their public works investments in the first half of the new fiscal year, which begins today.

The government believes the new package will provide domestic demand worth Y2 trillion (£9 billion), improve business and consumer sentiment and allow the govern-ment to achieve its 3.5 per cent annual economic growth target. The latter was has been revised down from 3.7 per cent, against the actual 5.5 per cent recorded for

Weakness in the futures market and a sell-off of speculative stocks on the last day of the fiscal year left the Nikkei index 323.36 points lower at 19.345.95. The potentially positive effects of the expected cut in the official discount rate were overwhelmed by a feeling of "too little too late".

One Tokyo stock exchange trader said: "The financial markets have been crying out for a further ODR cut, but [Yasushi| Mieno [governor of he Bank of Japan) has held off for so long that the effects of a reduction when it comes will have already been discounted by the markets."

Highly sceptical that the package will be sufficient to boost an economy that shrank 0.2 per cent in the last quarter of last year, the private sector has interpreted the package as a short-term political measure aimed at boosting economic confidence in advance of the July elections to the upper house of the Diet.

Japan's parliament. Kiichi Miyazawa, the



Winning back some of the world: Nicholas Oppenheimer signed the agreement

Tyne Tees recovery averts loss

By MARTIN WALLER

A SHARP resurgence in the second half saved Tyne Tees Telévision Holdings, the ITV contractor for the North-East, from a 1991 loss. The company scraped into a £213,000 pre-tax profit against £5.78 million, despite a £2.95 million halfway loss a £2.95 million halfway loss.
A final of 9.5p makes a total down from 19p to 14.5p. Advertising revenue

fell 6 per cent. However, the first two months are likely to be ahead by about 7 per cent, against a recovering industry average of 10 per cent.

trillion and a reduction in the ODR to 3.5 per cent will be necessary before the economy For the second half of 1991 pre-tax profit was 35 per cent ahead of the comparable period in 1990. The successful £14.5 million bid for its "The economy needs a full I per cent cut in the lending rate, a Y4-5 trillion fiscal stimulus and measures to ITV franchise cost Tyne Tees £3.4 million after tax, taken boost the stock market," said as an extraordinary item. The Stephen Cohen, managing company remains confident director of Warburg Investit can remain profitable into ment Trust Management in Tokyo. the next franchise period and

De Beers scoops Siberian gems back into sales fold

BY COLIN CAMPBELL MINING CORRESPONDENT

DE BEERS, the diamond group, has won back into its Central Selling Organisation marketing fold the Siberian republic of Sakha (Yakutia), on whose behalf, and under a new sales agreement, the CSO will market all the republic's gem diamond

Sakha, an autonomous re-public within the Russian federation, contains the most valuable and richest of the diamond mines in the Commonwealth of Independent States. By decree in December. Sakha was granted the right to market 10 per

cent of its own production.

The potential that the republic had to bypass the CSO with a certain percentage of its gem diamond production could have undermined the raison d'etre of CSO, whose goal has always been to en-sure stability of diamond markets and the prices of

rough gem stones.

This week's new sales agreement with the republic,

signed by Sakha's president, Mikhail Nikolaiev, and by Nicholas Oppenheimer, dep-uty chairman of De Beers Cententary, removes market fears that the CSO would have been bypassed

have been bypassed.
Under a July, 1990, exclusive agreement, De Beers secured a \$5 billion, five-year sales contract to market all of Russia's rough gem dia-

Last December, however and in the wake of political changes, President Yeltsin of the Russian federation is-sued a decree whereby Sakha secured the right to retain 10 per cent of its rough gems for independent sale.

The right was, however, never exercised. After recent negotiations between De Beers and the republic, Sakha has now agreed for-mally that the CSO will han-die marketing arrangements for all 100 per cent of its gem

"This serves as proof of the continuing close relations

between De Beers Centenary and the Russian federation's diamond producers," Mr Op-

diamond producers," Mr Op-penheimer said.

Russia is giving Vnesh-torgbank, its foreign trade bank, exclusive rights to sell gold and precious metals ahound on behalf of the Rus-sian government and the central bank.

The bank would also be the

The bank would also be the repository for Russia's for-eign reserves and the central bank's currency stabilisation fund. A resolution on the changes was passed by the Presidium of the Supreme

Soviet on Monday.

In addition, the bank would become Russia's agent for attracting foreign credits.

These credits would be guaranteed by the Russian government and the central bank. A Vneshtorgbank offi-cial pointed out that Vneshekonombank, the foreign trade bank of the former Soviet Union, had previously had a monopoly on govern-ment sales of gold.

Krupp denies problem over Hoesch merger

KRUPP, the German steelmaker, has denied speculation that the planned merger with Hoesch is in danger of being blocked by Germany's federal cartel office (Wolf-

gang Münchau writes). Krupp made a hostile take-over bid for its Ruhr steelmaking rival last October. A spokesman for Krupp said talk of a negative cartel office ruling was "absolute nonsense". He said both companies have been in negotiations with the cartel oflice about the merger.

The rumours arose from a briefing given to journalists last week by Kajo Neu-kirchen, the president of Hoesch. Herr Neukirchen spoke about the theoretical possibility of a negative cartel office intervention. A spokesman for Krupp said yesterday that he was "talking off the top of his head". Krupp said the merger will go ahead as planned.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Macfarlane falls but dividend increases

PRE-TAX profits at Macfarlane Group (Clansman), the Glasgow packaging company, fell by a quarter to 50.85 million over 1991, but the company has maintained its 19-year record of annual dividend increases. Difficult trading conditions and accounting changes, which required the company to place £804,000 of restructuring costs above the

time as an exceptional item, hit profits.

The final 2.49p dividend makes 4.24p for the year, a 5 per cent increase. Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, chairman, and he was confident that the profit setback was temporary and that it was prudent to pay a higher dividend. The increase reflected "the board's confidence in the underlying strength

Avonmore advances

ORGANIC growth and global expansion helped Avonmore Foods, the Irish food and dairy products group, lift pre-tax profits 22.6 per cent to Ir£16.3 million (£15.2 million) last year. Group turnover advanced 15.1 per cent to Ir£575.2 million. Operating profits from the dairy products division jumped to Ir£15.1 million (Ir£9.6 million) on turnover of Ir£364.9 million (Ir£308.3 million). The meat division saw profits dip to Ir£5.2 million (Ir£5.3 million). There was an extraordinary debit of Ir£1.55 million. Earnings per A share were Ir10.83p (Ir9p). The final dividend on the A shares is Ir1.65p (Ir1.5p), making Ir3p (Ir2.75p), while the B shares receive a final of Ir1p (Ir0.5p), making Ir1.75p (Ir1p).

Johnston Press up

JOHNSTON Press, the regional weekly newspaper publishing and bookselling group, is raising its dividend after an 8.4 per cent rise in full-year profits. Improved efficiency and tighter cost controls enabled the Edinburgh company, which publishes 60 titles spread from Fife to Sussex, to lift pre-tax profits to £7.6 million in the year end-December, against £6.74 million last time. The figures were boosted by reduced net interest costs and an exceptional gain of £348,000. A final dividend of 3.5p (3.25p) gives an improved total of 5.5p (5p). Earnings per share rise to 18.7p (15.9p). The shares added 5p to 298p.

BNB raises payout

BNB Resources, the recruitment, advertising and public relations group, is raising its dividend despite a 40.3 per cent decline in full year-profits. Pre-tax profits slid to £2.69 million in the year to end-December, from £4.51 million, on turnover down from £65.3 million to £54.9 million. The company said the results were "highly respectable in view of the worst trading conditions experienced in our industry sectors for a decade". BNB's recruitment companies remained profitable. The final dividend is being raised to 3.3p (3.1p), giving shareholders 4.9p (4.6p). Earnings drop to 8.3p a share (14.5p). BNB shares firmed 2p to 87p.

Wardle quits Ferry

PETER Wardle, the non-executive chairman of Ferry Pickering Group, has resigned from the board of that company with immediate effect because of the recent failure of another company with which he is associated as a non-executive director. Mr Wardle believes it is not appropriate for him to remain on the board of a listed company in such circumstances. Graham Nixon, a former chief executive of Ferry Pickering, has been appointed executive chairman of the company. Peter Godfrey, a group executive director with operational responsibility, has been appointed chief execu-tive of Ferry Pickering.

Watts, Blake drops

WATTS, Blake, Bearne & Co, the ceramic products group. says that lost sales in the year ended December, coupled with generally depressed trading conditions, left pre-tax profits 27 per cent lower at £5.7 million. Sales rose by 9 per cent to £61.4 million. There are tentative indications that trading conditions are improving, the company says, but "another hard year lies ahead". Dr Ingram Lenton, the chairman, says that further overhead reductions are planned. The final dividend is held at 6.6p, making an unchanged total of 9.3p

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Car wash takeover

RICHARD Palmer's European Motor Holdings is buying Casemount, parent company of Wilcomatic, the biggest supplier and servicer of automatic car washes in Britain, in a deal funded by a £17.4 million. four-for-three rights issue. European is paying £5.5 million — £1.7 million in cash and the balance in new shares to be taken by the vendors, and repaying £12.9 million of debt taken in with the 1989 Wilcomatic management buy-out. Wilcomatic has service agreements with over half the estimated 4,000 car washes on petrol forecourts in Britain and says its machines washed 52 million cars last year. Tempus, page 22

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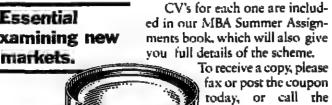
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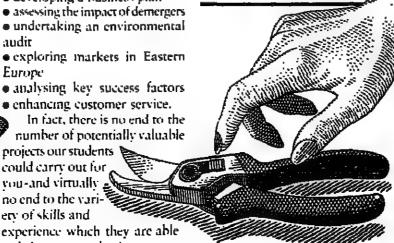
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COMPANY BRIEFS

MAYFLOWER CORP (Fin)

Extraordinary debits of £1.44m (£1.85m). Sales reached £27.4m Pre-tax: £1.07m EPS: 1.91p (1.56p) Div: Nil (nil) (£13.8m). Gearing eliminated. SERVOMEX (Fin) Pre-tax: £2.06m (£1.94m) Last time's total dividend was EPS: 13.8p (12.7p) Div: 3.9p, mkg 5.7p HEADLAM GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £321,000 EPS: 2.38p (2.9p) Div: 1.65p, mkg 2.4p ESTATES & GENERAL Pre-tax: £2.3m (£2.77m) EPS: 4.59p (4.92p) Div: 2.525p, mkg 3.75p GARTON ENGINEERING Pre-tax: £1.36m (£1m) EPS: 25.84p (17.06p) Div: 5.25p, mkg 7p (7p) SWALLOWFIELD (Fin) Pre-tax: £2.2m (£2.37m) EPS: 14p (16p) Div: 3.9p, mkg 6.1p GASKELL (Fin) Pre-tax: £255,000 EPS: 3.1p (16.1p) Div: 5.5p, mkg 6.5p. AB ELECTRONIC (Int) Pre-tax: Loss £3.95m LPS: 13.7p (6.2p) Div: NII (nil) MOWAT GROUP

Pre-tax: Loss £1.97m LPS: 1.28p (EPS: 0.65p) Div: Nil (0.5p) TRAFFORD PARK Pre-tax: £1.62m (£1.44m) EPS: 1.672p (1.435p) Div: 0.85p (0.85p) JACOBS (JOHN I) (Fin) Pre-tax: £612,000 EPS: 1.90p (3.63p) Div: 1.4p, mkg 1.9p

BILSTON & BATTERSEA Pre-tax: £120,000 EPS: 2.0p (5.1p) Div: Nil, mkg nil (3p) AFRICAN LAKES (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.55m (£1.55m)
EPS: 6.48p (7.77p) Div: 2p (2p) DELANEY GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: Loss £474,000 LPS: 0.6p (2.4p) Div: Nil

5.4p. Gearing has been reduced to 32% (56%). Turnover climbed to £18.3m (£16.7m). Last time's profit was £458,000. Last time's total dividend was 2.4p. Exceptional debits of £215,000 (£158,000). Final results. Last time's total dividend was 3.75p. Earnings are fully diluted. Net asset value was 183p. Final results. Turnover fell to £19.3m (£22.9m). Demand is still in the main depressed in both the UK and Europe. Last time's total dividend was 6.1p. Extraordinary debit of 2104,000 (nil). Turnover edged up to £22.9m (£22.4m). Gearing: 48%. Last time's profit was £1.33m. Last time's total dividend was 8.5p. Turnover fell to £30.2m (£40.3m). Gearing static at 38% Last time's loss was £2.02m. Exceptional debits of £1.05m (nil). Sales fell to £87.6m (£116m) Loss expected for full year.

Lest time's profit was \$449,000.

Results are for 15-month period, compared with previous year. Last time's profit was £651,000. Exceptional debit of £311,000. Interim results. Turnover fell to 24.95m (£6.01m). Reduced

administrative charges and lower interest burden helped results. Last time's profit was £999,000. Last time's total dividend was 2.9p. Exceptional credit of £100,000 (debit of £150,000).

Final results. Last time's profit was £336,000. Turnover dropped to £3.99m (£4.83m). First-quarter sales are up on last time. Turnover fell to £45.2m (£49.4m). Extraordinary gain of £187,713, compared with a gain of £40,403 last time.

Last time's loss was £825,000. Extraordinary debits of £131,000 (£746,000). Turnover fell to £21.8m (£26.7m).

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Decline in building output forecast to last until 1994

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BUILDING industry output is set to fall 4.5 per cent this year, and show no recovery until 1994, according to a forecast by the National Council of Building Materials Producers (BMP)

If Labour were to win the election, output would decline an additional 3 to 4 per cent this year and continue to fall next, BMP's forecasting pan-

The panel, comprising representatives from more than 25 member firms, believes modest expansion of some forms of public sector construction and repairs under Labour would be insufficient to balance lower spending by expects no growth next year.

grocers have affected Nurdin

chain in which SHV, the

Makro-owning Dutch group,

Nigel Hall, the group's fi-

nance director, said that the

decision by the major super-

market groups to open on

Sunday affected the trade of

independent grocery custom-

ers and consequently sales at

Nurdin & Peacock, but he

said it was difficult to quanti-

fy how much of the sales

decline was due to Sunday

opening and how much to the

"Since December, fewer su-

permarkets are opening on

Sundays and the situation

has recovered. But there is the

possibility that they will open

en mass at Easter or next

Christmas and I hope we will

be in a better position to

Overall group pre-tax prof-

its rose 7 per cent to £27.6 million in the year to Decem-

ber 29. Sales rose 6.2 per cent

to £1.37 billion but like-for-

like sales fell 4.5 per cent.

Three branches were opened

and the group now has 16

trading seven days a week.

interest receivable fell from

respond." he said.

general economic climate.

has a 9.4 per cent stake.

Nurdin suffers

from Sundays

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

SUNDAY trading by the su- £4.62 million to £3.78 million

permarket groups and the effects of the recession on caterers and independent and earnings per share fell from 15.6p to 15p because of a £1.9 million deferred tax

& Peacock, the cash and carry results. Excluding the tax

the much larger private

However, a study last year by Goldman Sachs, the stockbroker, concluded that the building materials industry would do better than most under Lahour.

BMP's latest forecast paints a more gloomy picture of the construction industry's prospects, even under a Conservative government, than its last forecast, issued in November. BMP's expectation of a 4.5 per cent decline in output this year remains unchanged. But instead of a 2 per cent increase next year, expected earlier, BMP now

credit included in the 1990

credit, earnings per share in-

creased 7 per cent. A 3.5p final (3.3p), makes 5.56p —

an increase of 7 per cent. Mr. Hall said that apart

from a very small increase in the SHV shareholding there

had been no change in the

group's relationship with

Makro and despite rumours

of a bid last year, no approach.

had been made. The group is

watching the development of

American style Warehouse

Clubs in Britain with interest.

been established and the

group is experimenting with

a delivery service for caterers.

Richard Fulford, the group's

chairman, said that last year

had been an extremely diffi-

Three new sales forces have

However, there should be a 2 per cent rise in 1994, it says.

The panel has been repeat-edly forced to downgrade its predictions because of the failure of recovery signs to emerge Last August, BMP believed output would grow 1.5 per cent next year. The forecasts are the first by an industry group to differentiate explicitly between the poli-cy impact of the two largest

parties. The construction industry is far more dependent on Britain's domestic market than manufacturing as a whole. It is also highly cycli-cal. Few industries have shown a more startling collapse in demand as a result of Britain's recession.

BMP believes that whichever party wins the election, the government is likely to face pressure for an interest rate rise. However, it fears that a Labour administration would be severely tested by financial markets, and would face a breakdown in consumer confidence and spending. partly because of its income

tax plans.
Under the Conservatives, BMP says, total housebuilding will rise 6.5 per cent this year and 10 per cent next, from a very low başe, Under Labour, it would not rise until 1994, despite higher spending by the public sector, BMP predicts.

Capital spending by the water companies is expected, by BMP, to offset the decline in factory and warehouse construction, supporting the private industrial sector. Because of pressure on the public sector borrowing requirement, public non-housing spending is expected to fall next year and in 1994 after a 2 per cent rise this

However, "much needed" public sector repair and maintenance would benefit from Labour, the BMP says. In the devastated office

cuit year. "Our planned capi-tal expenditure programme for 1992 will increase to £45 building sector, BMP has scaled back its forecast demillion, primarily on new units and refurbishment to cline for this year from 30 to 25 per cent, because falling existing branches, as we continue our heavy investment prices have enabled developfor the future. Sales this year ers to get more work for their money. However, BMP sees to date are up on last but no prospect of an upturn in this sector. The industry is in margins remain under pressure in a highly competitive market place." The shares fell



Dogged by recession: Don Lewin mistakenly thought Clinton would be immune

Clinton Cards goes into the red

BY OUR CITY STAFF

dividend of 2.25p, making a

CLINTON Cards, the greetings cards retailer, felt the full effect of the recession last year, which left the company with a pre-tax loss. Don Lewin, the group's chairman, said he had not expected the recession to go on so long or to be so comprehensive.

"I've been through several recessions and they have more or less left us unaffected," he said. "I thought this one would be the same. We are in the sentiment business, selling low-ticket items. and we are usually immune."

Overall the group made a pre-tax loss in the year to Pebruary I of £163,000. down from profits of £5.02 million. Sales rose from £59 million to £70.5 million and operating profits fell from The loss per share was 0.96p.

compared with earnings of closed and a further three 20.4p, and the group has stores were relocated.

total for the year of 3.75p. down from 5.25p. Costs have been reduced. Around 200 jobs, 10 per cent of the workforce, were cut. During the year 14 shops were opened, four were Mr Lewin said.

chosen to pay a reduced final

Mr Lewin is confident of an upturn this year. The last eight weeks have been good and some shop sales are currently 8 per cent ahead of last year. "We had a good Christmas, a good Valentine's Day and a good Mother's Day.

Leeds chief says societies' ills are self-inflicted

BY OUR MONEY EDITOR

stop blaming the housing market and the economy for all their ills. Mike Blackburn. the chief executive of the Leeds, said yesterday.

Mr Blackburn, who was chairing a building society conference at the Portman Hotel in London, said: 'Many of the financial problems being suffered by building societies today are selfinflicted. They are the result of business strategies which in today's harsh light of recession are seen to be flawed.

"Those that ventured into commercial lending in a big way have generally suffered major provisioning costs. Those that built up large estate agencies have discovered the true cost of bad timing."

He was also critical of societies that went into equity release mortgages on the back of a rising market and now regret doing so.

The Leeds, the fifth-largest society, was one of few to report a double-figure increase in 1991 profits. Its pretax profits rose 11 per cent to E190.2 million after total provisions including writing off interest of £58 million.

Mr Blackburn was critical of the government when it was holding negotiations with societies last December to set up El billion of mortgage rescue schemes. At the time, he recalled that it was John Major who, as Chancellor, had said of the high interest rates: "If it isn't hurting it isn't working."

Yesterday, Mr Blackburn said: "However much we may blame the handling of the economy - and I confess to being pretty vocal, if not brass-necked, on the subject myself - there is no doubt that for many societies, diversilication has simply meant that they were saddled with several millstones."

He added: "My own view is that the turmoil we have all

BUILDING societies should faced in recent times has become a permanent feature of life in the financial services sector. It may prove to be cyclical, but it is certainly not an aberration."

Mark Boleat, director general of the Building Societies Association, told the conference that the future of societies was not entirely in their own hands. Societies were threatened by the very high public sector borrowing requirement, which would mean that National Savings would be used to raise funds,

Norcros sells to cut debts

NORCROS, the building materials, printing and packaging group, has cut debts by selling a number of properties in Essex and Oxfordshire for a total of £39 million (Philip Pangalos writes).

The proceeds from the dis-posals, of which £2.6 million will be deferred for up to three years, will be used to reduce the group's borrowings to below £120 million. This represents gearing of about 80 per cent, compared with 100 per cent at the interim stage. Michael Doherty, chief executive, said the group hopes to reduce the ratio to below 50 per cent over the next year.

The disposals include two factories at Braintree, Essex. and Wantage, Oxfordshire, which will raise £22.75 million. Both have been leased back to Norcros for 25 years. with five yearly reviews, at initial rents amounting to £2.6 million per annum.

The remaining properties are part of the development division, which stopped trading about 18 months ago and will realise £16.2 million.

Wellcome picks sale managers

Robert Fleming, global co-ordinator for Wellcome Trust's planned international sale of part of its 74 per cent holding in Wellcome, which is likely to take place in early July, has named eight regional lead managers for the offering, confirming that It aims to spread shareholdings across the world.

Apart from America and Japan, there will be separate managers for Switzerland,

France and Germany.
Cazenove and SG Warburg
will lead in Britaln with Fleming's affiliate, Jardine Fleming, leading in the Pacific rim and Fleming itself handling the rest.

Vaux buys pubs Vaux Group, the North-East brewer and hotelier, has paid £13.5 million for 113 public houses bought from Whitbread and Inntrepreneur Es-

tates, the Courage-Grand Met joint venture. Vaux now has almost 900 pubs. Croda cuts

Croda International's shares rose by 17p to 163p yesterday, despite a cut in the final dividend from 6.9p to 4.75p. Pre-tax profits fell to £21.3 million (£33.7 million).

Main American index improves

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FRESH evidence that America's economic recovery is reestablishing itself was provided by the government's main economic forecasting gauge, which showed a 0.8 per cent rise in February, and by an upward revision to the January figure.
This was the first consecu-

8p to 156p.

tive monthly gain in the index of leading indicators since mid-1991. The January rise was put at I per cent, up from the 0.9 per cent initially

The improvement was on a broad front, reflecting a longer working week, money sup-ply growth, higher building permits, rising raw materials prices, improved consumer confidence, bigger consumer goods orders and slower deliveries. Fears that the recovery could peter out again, as it did last year, prompted 100 leading American economists to write an open letter to President Bush on Monday, demanding action, including an interest rate cut.

The Bush administration has publicly voiced it's confidence in the recovery, but had coupled its confidence to the Federal Reserve being able to ensure adequate growth in the money supply.

indicators adds to the evidence of recovery that was most markedly provided by official figures on new home construction and the pickup

in sales of existing houses. The bureau of labour statistics has revealed that about 650,000 Americans who became unemployed early in the recession did not figure in the obless data. In the year to March 1991, the undercount removed 40 per cent of those losing their jobs from the official lists, partly due to bankruptcies and the call-up for the Gulf conflict.

in France, a special com mittee headed by Pierre Bérégovoy, the finance minister, has downgraded growth ex-pectations for this year. The gross domestic product is now expected to expand by only 2 per cent this year, against the 2.2 per cent assumed in the budget. Consumer price inflation, currently at an annual 3 per cent. is expected to slow to an annual 2.8 per cent this year.

The finance ministry said the improvement in the American economy probably heralded a pickup in growth worldwide. It expects world economic growth to be growing by 2.5 to 3 per cent by

TIP must travel hard road

BY MARTIN WALLED

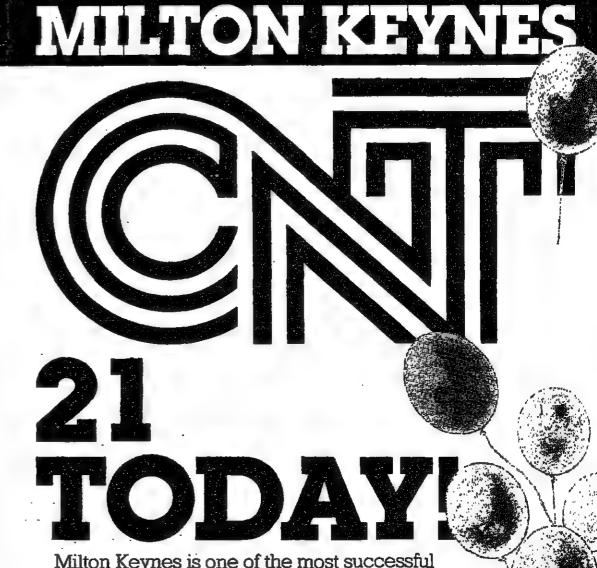
JIM Davis, chairman of TIP Europe, the trailer rental group, has warned share-holders that 1992 will not be comfortable. But TIP, which has unveiled pre-tax profits up from £2.46 million to £3.72 million in the half-year to end-January, can face the year with confidence after its financial restructuring, he added.

Shareholders, who put up a further £29 million in a cash call late last year, are rewarddividend of 0.64p (0.56p) on the increased share capital.

Mr Davis said the restruc-

turing had provided the necessary stability and flexibility to allow the group to resume selective investment in core businesses. But he added: The continuing recession in demand in continental Europe means that TIP Europe, like most other companies. E unlikely to have an easy year."

Operating profits fell by 12 per cent to £11.3 million. Mr Davis said British demand remained depressed. But despite an 8.5 per cent fall in average utilised units, rental revenue marginally increased. Continental demand fell away but was still above



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A knight replaces a lord at Bupa

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR:



Nicholson: taking over

after 11 years. He joins Bupa in October, when he also becomes part-time chairman at the Post Office. He will remain at the Post Office in this capacity until next March to allow the government time to thoose

Lord Wigoder, aged 71, no hospitals when he joined in by a chairman of the calibre of postponed his retirement to 1981, but it is now Britain's Sir Bryan."

of the Post Office, is to be the business had topped £61 mil- of people covered by Bupa next chairman of Bupa, Brit- lion in 1990 and Peter Jacobs increased from 1 million in group.

The group reported a pre-tax in 1990, but profit of £1,3 million for last wigoder, QC, who is retiring after 11 years. He issue Profit of £1,3 million for last year earlier this month. al. ain's largest health insurance took over as chief executive. 1981 to a peak of 3.5 million though the insurance business still lost £40.7 million before investment income was taken into account.

of healthcare as well during Lord Wigoder's time. It had

SIR Bryan Nicholson, the help Bupa after it announced largest private hospitals group chairman and chief executive that losses in its insurance with 1,600 beds. The number in 1990, but has since fallen to Sir Bryan was the chairman

of the Manpower Services Commission from 1984 to 1987 and the chairman of Rank Xerox (UK) before that. Bupa expanded from health Lord Wigoder, who will reinsurance to being a provider main an honorary member of Bupa, said: "I am delighted to know that I will be succeeded

Croda cut could turn to thrust

CRODA International's decision to cut its final dividend from 6.9p to 4.75p a share recognises what a bloody year 1991 was. The interim was cut six months ago from 4.1p to 2.75p a share, so a trimmed final comes as no real surprise.

Croda says trading in the first two months of 1992 is "well up". albeit from very depressed 1991 levels. If that trend continues, and pre-tax profits make something of a recovery in 1992, then the cut dividend may prove to be short-lived.

All three core divisions chemicals, coatings, cosmet-ics and toiletries — suffered lower turnover and lower trading profits in the year to end-December, and group pre-tax profits fell from £33.7 million to £21.3 million. Net earnings turn out at 10.9p a share, against 17.45p. From here on, when dividends are paid, they are more likely to be covered at least twice by

The worldwide headcount has fallen from 3,322 to 2.806, and further job losses are likely. The capital investment programme, involving an £86 million spend in the past four years, goes on.

Croda, with its cost base trimmed, should be in line for some recovery in 1992 that might take pre-tax profits to £27 million, though it may not be until the time of the final dividend that higher payments are declared.

The shares rose by 17p to 163p, reflecting the market's positive view of prospects, and they trade on 11.8 times prospective earnings.

European Motor Hldgs

RICHARD Palmer has never lacked for friends among the City institutions, ever since he converted £5.5 million net earnings.

The interest charge was [1.1 million higher at £6.1 million, and gearing at year end had risen from 31 per cent to 38.5 per cent. This level will be attacked in 1992, with the prudent level

ness, which Mr Palmer's **European Motor Holdings is** buying for £18.4 million.

Phildrew, which led the

1989 buyout of Wilcomatic. will end up with almost 8 per cent of European, where Mr Palmer and Ann Wilson, the finance director, are completing a clean-up opera-tion. The deal is funded by a tion. The deal is funded by a four-for-three rights issue at 105p. Existing holders of European are locked in because the Stock Exchange requires that the shares remain suspended at 123p until the rights issue is completed, on April 21 — by which time the country, and the stock market, could be a different place.

different place.

There is still much work to do at European, which will probably turn in a £1.3 million loss this year. Other businesses remain to be sold and there is legal action outstanding by the new management team, but by next year profits of £4 mil-lion-plus look achievable.

The shares remain a straight gamble on the abil-ity of Mr Palmer and his colleagues to repeat their generally good.



Ann Wilson: clean-up

STOCK MARKET

Lonrho shares tumble as broker resigns

FOUR companies today become constituents of the index of the top 100 companies.

Lonrho, Tiny Rowland's group, is one of the four companies losing a place in the index. The troubled interior in the index. The troubled interior in the index. The troubled interior in the index to the index in the group rainer than be compromised by sanctions. companies losing a place in the index. The troubled international trading group saw its shares tumble 13 p to a low of 65 2p after UBS Phillips & Drew suddenly re-signed as the company's joint

hroten.

The others losing their places are Royal Insurance, down 64p at 1804p. Trafalgar House, 10p cheaper at 113p, and Tarmac, 8p lower at 123p. They will be replaced by ECC, 12p better at 507p. Siebe. 7p dearer at 646p. Coats Viyella, 1p harder at 196p, and Bowater, unchanged on 741p.

P&D's resignation comes just days after Lonrho announced that it had sold a one-third stake in its Metropole Hotels chain to Libya for

pole Hotels chain to Libya for £177 million. Lonrho appar-ently failed to brief its broker on this disposal. Lonrho's links with the Libyan govern-

be compromised by sanctions against Libya over the Lock-

erbie bombing.

Meanwhile, in the rest of the equity market, the absence of sellers enabled market-makers to keep control of the situation with share prices losing an early lead and so finishing lower on the day. The FT-SE 100 index ended 12.8 points down at 2,440.1. Yesterday's turnover was 475 million shares and was again swollen by a series of bed-and-breakfast deals, aimed at establishing year-end tax

Government securities spent a nervous day, closing with losses of £18 at the longer end, despite a steadier perfor-

mance by the pound.

Thorn EMI firmed 2p to 737p on news that 94 per cent of its rights issue had been taken up.

Wellcome surged 47p to £10.49 as the brokers to the share sale by the Wellcome Trust were announced. Cazenove and Warburg Securities will act as managers for the London end of the sale. Speyhawk, the property developer, tumbled 8 ½p to 2 ½p after plunging further into the red with pre-tax losses at

the halfway stage of £216.8 million, against a loss last time of £2.8 million. The figure was struck after write-offs totalling almost £200 million on property investments and developments in progress.

There is no dividend. The group has been in talks with a

der through the troubled property sector. Falls were seen in Bradford Property. down 3p at 134p. City Site, 6p at 60p, Evans of Leeds. 4p at 120p. Mountview Estates. 20p at 920p. Ossory Estates. 14p at 134p. Property Partnerships. 5p at 200p. Rosehaugh. 14p at 634p. and Trafford Park. 2p at 52p. The property sector also continues to depress the high treet banks which fear furstreet banks which fear fur-

Smith & Nephew managed to buck the trend, hardening 12 p to 149 p, as investors continued to switch from rival Reckitt & Colman, down 3p at 532p. S&N is expected to see its pre-tax profits grow from £132.4 million to £149 million in the current year.

ther provisions for bad and

doubtful debts. City analysts have already begun down-grading their pre-tax profit estimates for the current year with County NatWest WoodMac and Kleinwort Benson starting the ball roll-Benson starting the ball rolling on Monday. There were losses for Bank of Scotland, down 3p at 102p. Bardays, 11p at 306p. Lloyds. 7p at 378p. Midland, 7p at 350p. National Westminster, 8p at 271p. and The Royal Bank of Scotland. 8p. at 154p. of Scotland, 8p at 154p. Nurdin & Peacock, the cashand-carry food retailer. fell 8p to 156p after an increase in full-year pre-tax profits of £1.8 million to £27.6 million.

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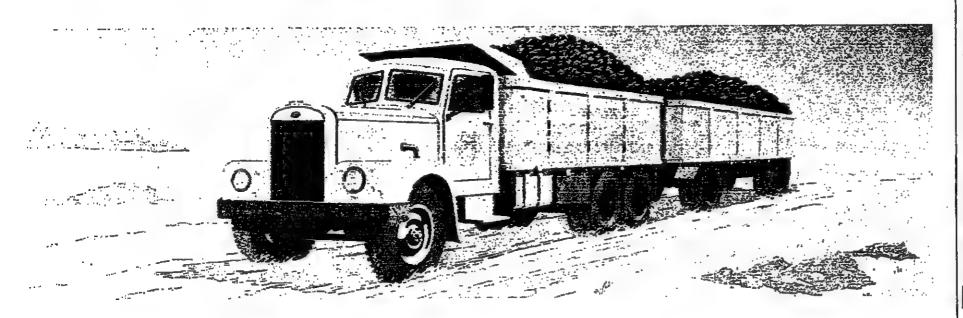
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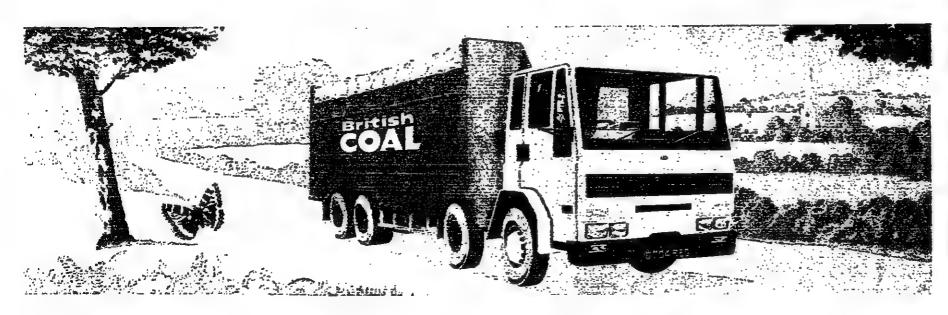
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Spreading that Wellcome mat

Tellcome shares are fast regaining their poise after news that the Wellcome Trust is planning to float part of its stock in the summer. They climbed 47p yesterday to £10.49, but remain some way off the peak of £11.73 reached early in February. The planned offer unsettled the market initially. The prospect of a £4 billion sale quickly wiped out the sizeable scarcity element in the price. Some holders also took profits, hardly surprising given that the shares were a mere £5 little more than 12 months ago.

The announcement that Flemings, global co-ordinator for the sale, had appointed the blue chip houses of Cazenove and Warburg to lead the issue in Britain was warmly received in the market, reinforcing the view that there is still excellent value in the shares despite their meteoric rise in the past year. Also helping to lift Wellcome's price yesterday was the thought that existing holders may be given preferential rights in the forthcoming issue. If, as appears increasingly likely, the offer generates strong international demand from continental Europe as well as America and the Far East, a prior presence on the share register may prove worthwhile and even profitable insurance.

Most attention has been focused on Retrovir, the group's anti-Aids treatment, but the main growth product in the near future will probably prove to be the herpes drug Zovirax, whose users are widening. Last year these two compounds alone generated sales growth of 31 and 34 per cent respectively. Analysts foresee operating margins widening to 30 per cent in the next couple of years while pre-tax profits climb from £403 million last year to around £620 million in the 12 months to the end of 1993. Wellcome shares look set fair with strong growth in the pipeline, an excellent research record and greater potential to boost earnings through new products than bigger rivals such as Glaxo.

Slow in Tokyo

Droblems, problems. Japan's economic planning agency is worried. The economy grew by only about 4.5 per cent in 1991 and shrank by 0.2 per cent in the final quarter, causing forecasters to predict a sharp brake on growth to little more than 2.5 per cent this year. An emergency economic package was brought in on the last day of Japan's financial year, using the classic Japanese method of bringing forward public sector capital spending into the first half of the new fiscal year. There is already a strong hint of a second package in the autumn.

The key to boosting growth, as in any other economy, is confidence. Things are worse than the headline figures might suggest. Industrial production, which dropped sharply in the last quarter of 1991, is expected to keep falling for at least the next two quarters. A boost of £9 billion, which the government hopes to achieve through its capital spending manouevres, will hardly reverse that without a change in sentiment. The stock market is even more negative, the Nikkei index dropping nearer to 19,000 yesterday. The key to reversing that might be a further cut in the Bank of Japan's discount rate. From 6 per cent in mid-1991, the rate was cut three times with a final move to 4.5 per cent timed ahead of the new year holiday to make businessmen make their 1992 plans in more cheerful mood.

This time, however, Yasushi Mieno, the bank governor, seems reluctant to play the recovery game. He was still resisting widespread calls for a further rate cut of 0.75 per cent yesterday, perhaps because of the diplomatic fallout of any ensuing drop in the yen/dollar exchange rate.

Survivors try to make the cellular telephone upwardly mobile again

The portable phone business has suffered a number of early

failures. Mark Newman assesses its chances

of staging a recovery

o many people bought mobile phones in the late-Eighties that the Cellnet and Vodafone cellular radio telephone networks began to creak and shudder under the weight of calls. Subscribers found that making a call from their car on the M25 was about as easy as trying to sell a raincoat in the Gobi Desert.

While Cellnet and Vodafone increased capacity, the trade and industry department seized on a British success story. Lord Young, then trade secretary, licensed seven new competitors using two other technologies to make Britain a na-tion of mobile phone users.

Telepoint was an economy oneway communications system for business people out on the road. Personal communications networks (PCN) offered a second generation cellular technology that might replace the ordinary telephone.

Three years on, almost as many subscribers are handing back their phones as there are new people buying them. Having grown by 95 per cent in 1988, 70 per cent in 1989 and 34 per cent in 1990, the cellular telephone population grew by just 7 per cent last year to 1.23 million. Six out of the seven new competitors - four telepoint and three PCN systems - have been sold, wound up, or merged.

Celinet and Vodafone are more worried by the recession than any threat from telepoint or PCN. Did the DTI jump too fast into a confusion of untried technologies or is the drive to a mass mobile communications market just taking a recessionary detour? The answer lies somewhere in the middle.

Certainly, the telepoint experiment was a disaster. As Peter Grindley and Saadet Toker, of the London Business School, say this month in a report on the telepoint fiasco, "rarely has a product had such a total lack of interest". Telepoint was conceived as a call box in your pocket. You could make calls wherever you saw a sign with your system's name on it. The signs were located in city centres, stations

and motorway service stations.
Users shunned the service as it only allowed outgoing calls. The report also says: "It was launched with three incompatible systems so that users were never sure whether their handset could be used or not." As for the service operators, they "made almost no effort to publicise the system". Three of the four telepoint systems, including BT's Zonephone, were wound up last year. After a year in service they had only 5,000 customers between them.

The three PCN networks are not due to start operating until late 1992 or early 1993. The need for



Twilight zone: Lord Young's policy to expand the cell phone market became disconnected

million and £1 billion for each network over the next few years has, however, already scared off many of the original shareholders.

Two of the PCN companies, Mercury Personal Communications and Unitel, agreed to merge last month. while the third, Microtel, was sold to Hutchison Telecom, of Hong Kong. in July 1991. The merger between Mercury Personal Communications and Unitel followed a year of desperate searching for new shareholders to replace three of the orginal four companies bolding stakes in Unitel.

This coming and going of shareholders and the high investment requirements are likely to delay the launch of at least one of the PCN systems. David Steadman, the managing director of Hutchison Telecom UK, believes that the systems could also be delayed because there are several technology problems we don't know the answer to". system and the UK will be the first

country to have PCN networks. When Lord Young unveiled his plans for PCN in 1989, he called it a new generation of mobile systems" that would be "distinct from cellular radio systems". By now, it is clear that anything PCN operators will be able to do, Cellnet and Vodasone will also be able to do.

Time to decide what's in a Name

ready announced details of what it calls a micro-cellular network which will open on the same day as the first PCN service at similar price levels.

The DTI's decision in 1985 to license Cellnet and Vodasone to operate the first systems in competition, when other European countries only had one network, has been a success. John Redwood, the government spokesman on telecommunications, said proudly in October that the decision had resulted in a "rapid increase in the number of subscribers that has put the UK in the lead in mobile telephony in Europe". Britain has more than twice as many cellular telephone users as Germany, France or Italy.

ord Young's decision to license seven more mobile telephone operators — ail in the same year - has, however, been heavily criticised. In particular, the DTI has come under fire for announcing the PCN initiative on the same day as awarding the four telepoint licences. James Dodd. a telecommunications analyst at Kleinwort Benson Securities, believes that the timing of the announcement "rather cut the telepoint initiative off at the knees".

Derek Arnold, the chief executive of the now defunct Mercury Callpoint, one of the four telepoint li-

BUSINESS LETTERS

censees, says the government "shot telepoint in the foot" with its policy. The DTI also raised a few eye brows by awarding three PCN li-

cences when it had been expected to award only two. Richard Goswell, the managing director of Mercury Personal Communications, had al-ways maintained that "three PCN operators is too many" because of the high investment requirements. Mr Goswell's view is supported by financial modelling carried out by Arthur D Little, the American management consultancy. This indicates that the maximum number of cellular telephone operators that any market can support is between three and four. The UK was meant to have five operators — two cellular and three PCN - and even now that it only has four, it could be one too

many according to Arthur D Little. Mr Redwood's answer to accusations of a reckless government apcompanies approached the DTI wishing to exploit a new technology and we did not promise every pioneer a pot of gold".

Many companies that were to have played a role in the mobile communications bonanza have fallen by the wayside over the last two years, but one has reaped a harvest from the misfortune of others. Until 1990, Hutchison Telecom

was little known outside Hong Kong. A buying spree in Britain has since brought it a PCN licence, a telepoint licence, a mobile data licence and a radio paging business. Mr Steadman reckons that this has cost only half as much as if Hutchison had entered the market one or two years earlier.

Resurrecting the telepoint initiative is Hutchison's first heroic task; it is the only telepoint developer left so is under no competitive pressure to launch, and says it is "testing the system to destruction" before putting a product on the market.

The service will, however, be launched in city centres by the end of the year. This time, telepoint will be marketed as a service for people who already own cordless handsets that can be used at home or in the office and do not need to buy a special new handset.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to use the cordless telephones currently available for telepoint since it uses different technology known as CT2. CT2 handsets are expected to be appear on the market shortly. Manufacturers will also market them as cordless telecom systems for offices.

utchison is hoping that once people have bought CT2 phones for their homes or offices, it will be possible to persuade them to pay a subscription fee of around £10 per month to use them on the telepoint network. Such is Mr Steadman's confidence in telepoint that he believes "people will adopt cordless telephony in mass numbers before they will adopt cellular".

Mr Goswell, at Mercury, believes

that PCN will also be a huge business. While many independent forecasters have toned down their original estimates of between 10 million and 14 million subscribers to personal communications systems by the year 2000, he is still sticking to his belief that it will be the lower end of this bracket.

Mercury Personal Communications hopes to persuade people to replace their fixed BT line with a Mercury PCN phone. Initially, however, it seems likely that Mercury will position its service somewhere between the cellular systems and the ordinary fixed telephone service. The first PCN subscribers will be a combination of business people who have not been able to afford a cellular phone and the upper end of the residential market.

In their report on the "opportunities and pitfalls" of the mobile communications industry in the Nineties, Messrs Grindley and Toker say the market is not in doubt. Malcolm Ross, a senior consultant at Arthur D Little, also claims "there is substantial underlying demand and a willingness to pay for personal communications".

The real question is whether the PCN and telepoint operators will be able to provide the types of services that match the needs of consumers. If they cannot, an accusing finger may again be pointed towards a government that tried to take the fast mad to making us a nation of

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Academic Hamilton

CITY Index, bookmaker to the City, may regret the day it wooed 18-year-old Angus Hamilton from his studies at Southampton University to man their telephones. Today Hamilton, still sporting and betting mad and now all of 25 years old, starts up in direct competition to Ci prices will be on Reuters screens this morning — with Sporting Index, which will specialise in sporting, rather than financial, events. Hamilton left CI in 1987 to begin his first betting venture in Edinburgh. His backer fell victim to the recession and Hamilton now has a new team behind him, with Compton Heilyer - a steward at Kempton and Warwick and also head of the syndicate that owns Docklands Express, third favourite in Saturday's Grand National - as his chairman. To avoid any conflict of interest, Sporting Index will not offer a price on Docklands Express but instead it will make a market in Party Politics, of 21-23. "It's spread betting as opposed to fixed-odd betting," explains Hellyer. "There are 30 fences and so if you think Party Politics will jump more than 23 fences. you would buy at 23, or if you think it will jump fewer, you should sell — just like the stock market." A £10 buy stake could win £70. Hamilton hopes to extend Sporting Index beyond the City but admits that it may be difficult to explain the concept of spread betting to the general public. "Prices can go up and down," he says. "But it's

much more exciting. You can

win and lose much more."



"It's perfectly all right all right — the chairman is with Bupa."

Coup de ballet THE English National Ballet has achieved something unheard of in arts sponsorship - it has exceeded its sponsorship target for 1991-2 by £250,000, pushing its total for the year to £590,000. This news will strike an envious chord within the Royal Shakespeare Company, still seeking a replacement sponsor for its tour of Richard III after British Telecom pulled out. According to Richard Shaw, director of public affairs at ENB, its success is owed in part to the continuing support from key business sponsors such Digital Equipment. Cable and Wireless, National Westminster Bank and Ladbroke, with a big contribution coming from the company's new production fund launched by the Princess of Wales in November. Supported by individuals and businesses, the fund has raised £142,000 and this has been matched funded by the Foundation for Sports and

Arts (backed by the big pools

companies) and is well on course to raise £150,000 by June. The fund-raising has been so successful that ENB now has hopes of a commercial sponsor to back a new challenge grant in the com-ing financial year. If BT raises its head as a potential

Trotting to Fox

MICHAEL Jenkins, aged 59, Liffe chief executive since it started in 1981, is to succeed Andrew Large as chairman of Fox, the London Futures and Options Exchange. The move follows the announcement that Large, former chairman of The Securities Association, will succeed David Walker at the SIB in June. Large has for the last six months been sorting out the problems at Fox - previously he was an independent banker - after the resignations of Saxon Tate and Mark Blundell. The last few months, Large says, have been "very traumatic and difficult" for Fox but the problems are "now behind us", he hopes. Jenkins, who will theoretically be non-executive, walks into a clean operation where the main job is reviewing future direction, which is likely to involve refocusing on traditional soft

Last orders A SIGN of the times: The Arbitrager in Throgmorton Street closes today for lack of business. The departure of the options market from the Stock Exchange tower was the final blow but the onceprivate members-only wine bar and club was also a casualty of the dwindling numbers of arbitrageurs, CAROL LEONARD

of the Association of External Members of Lloyd's Sir, Your excellent "Comment' on Lloyd's future

From the former Chairman

(March 30) almost despair-ingly declaims; "If Lloyd's could only decide whether Names are investors or proprietors much else would fall into place." This made more painfully true because at the moment, despite 20 years of commissions, parliamentary debates, council by-laws directives and regulations, and numerous committee deliberations, members of Lloyd's are neither fish nor fowl, having no say or partici-pation in their syndicates — an essential ingredient of both investor and proprietor. Even external members of Lloyd's council retain the ig-norant illusion that syndicates belong to the managing

David Rowland's Machiarellian mishmash of mistaken measures fails to answer the question your "Comment" so neatly poses; but raises a cloud of new proposals and alternatives which has

Real life returns

From Mr M A Jones Sir. Despite the comments of Mr Norden (letters, March 27), with-profit endowment policies continue to be a safe, secure means of long-term investment which for many people provides their princi-

companies in bonus rates reflect the relatively poor perfor-mance of stock market and property investments; they are calculated to make minimal impact on policyholders. The main point to consider is the purchasing power of maturing investments. Current and forecast inflation real issues that should be faced. Lloyd's is in danger of drowning in its own mess of self-analysis, reappraisals and recriminations.

The way out, is not by

had the effect of blinding the

further wranglings and investigations, but by concentrating on promoting good underwriting and eliminat-ing abuses such as the LMX spiral which the current crisis has disclosed. A decision as to whether Names are to be proprietor or investor involves increasing the participation and rights of Names in their syndicates and imposing a greater obligation on managing agents and underwriters to share in the misfortunes of their Names. The Rowland report imposes the whole burden of most of its recommendations on Names. This burden must be shared more than equally by agents and underwriters if the proposals are to have any chance of restoring the confidence of the members of Lloyd's.

Yours faithfully ANTHONY MITCHLEY. 15 Bryanston Square, W1.

pal form of saving.
Current reductions by some

levels are well below those experienced in the 1980s so although maturity values are a little lower now in monetary terms, they are not necessarily so in real terms.

Life insurance policies maturing now are likely to have been taken out ten years ago or more when bonus rates, both reversionary and terminal, were significantly lower than they are today. Current maturity values are well in line with policyholders' reasonable expectations.

Yours faithfully. M. A. JONES. Chief Executive Association of British Insurers.

Accentuating the negative in regional variations

Sir. I refer to the profile of John Grieves, senior partner of Freshfields, by Carol Leonard, on March 28.

From Mr C L Barnes

My father was a chartered accountant in Stratford-on-

Cheltenham, I trained as a chartered accountant in Leamington Spa and am in practice in Coventry.

Like John Grieves, I have

Avon, where we lived in a no trace of a regional accent. small house. I was at school in I do not, however, like being patronised. Yours faithfully. C L BARNES. 22 Queens Road,

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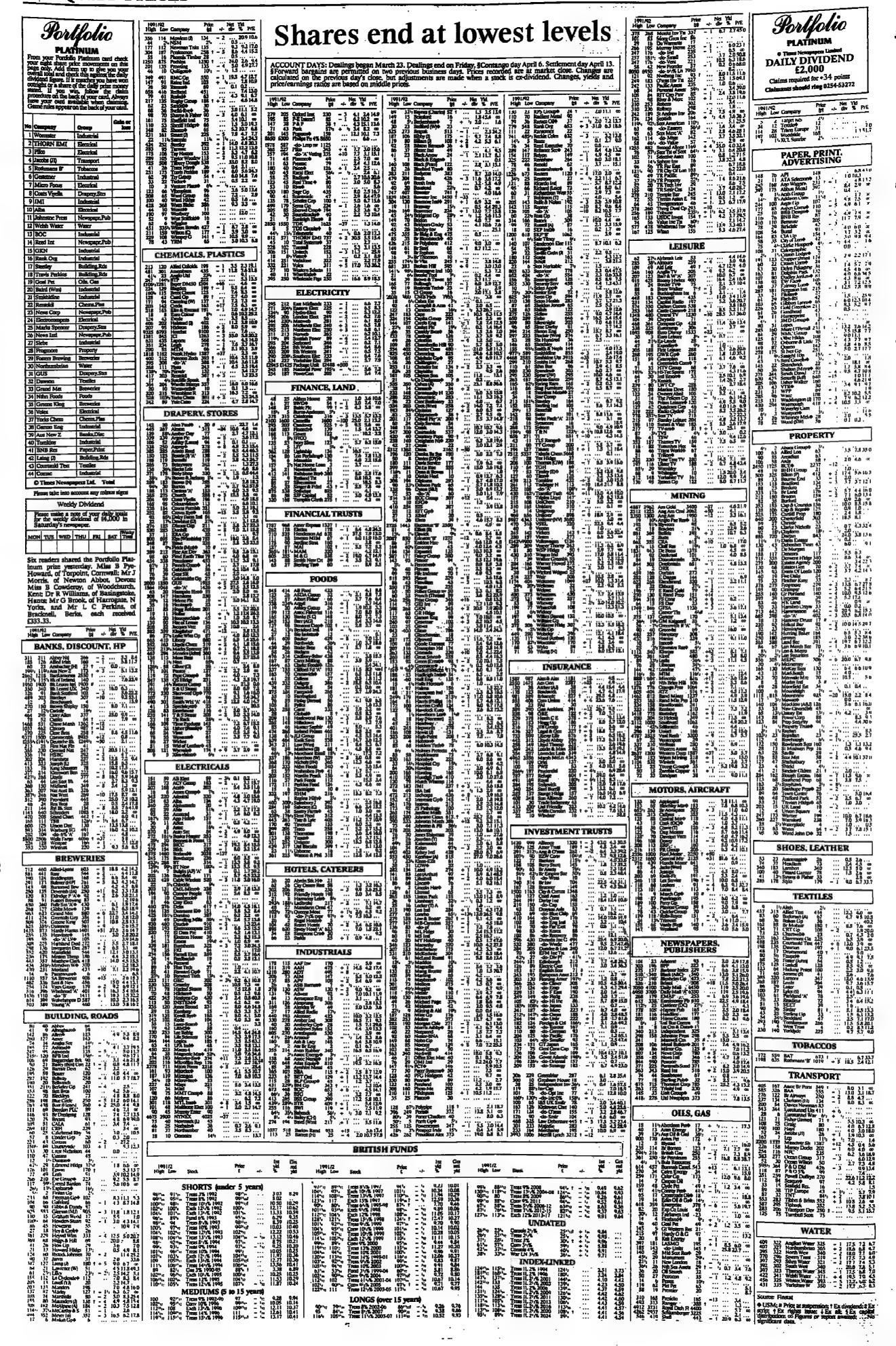
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Noah decides to stand down as captain of France

Switzerland, saying both

were off form and not fully fit.

Noah, however, expressed

disappointment with the two

players in a long and some-

centrating on the job in hand.

life is to play and win matches. It's not because he's won

apolis from September 25 to 27. McEnroe may continue

his doubles partnership with

Rick Leach or switch to

☐ Stefano Pescosolido, of Ita-

ly, went to hospital with

cramp after pulling out of his

Davis Cup match against

Jaime Oncins in Maceio on

Monday, handing Brazil a

surprise World Group quar-ter-final win. Pescosolido re-

tired in the first game of the

fourth set when he was trail-

ing 6-4, 6-3, 3-6. His with-

drawai handed Brazil an

unbeatable 3-1 advantage.

Courier likely to

receive cup call

"Basically it was a case of

ringing almost as loudly as the cheers of last year's epic Davis Cup tennis victory in Lyons, Yannick Noah, the French captain and acknowledged inspiration behind his team's success, has decided to

Noah's decision comes just two days after the Davis Cup title-holders were eliminated in the quarter-final by Swit-zerland, when the hardest hitting of the tie happened off the court, with the captain criticising the preparation and attitude of his leading two players.

Noah told the national

sports daily, L'Equipe, in an interview published yesterday, he had told the players he would resign to concentrate on a music career before the tie in Nimes, which

Fort Myers, Texas: Jim Cou-

rier, who lost his No. 1 world

ranking to Stefan Edberg last

week, may be recalled for the

Davis Cup semi-final against

Edberg's Sweden. "My opin-ion is that the best American player should be playing," John McEnroe said.

McEnroe still has the confi-

dence of the US captain, Tom

Gorman, despite his doubles defeat to Czechoslovakia in

the quarter-finals last

Andre Agassi, whose two

wins in the quarter-final de-feat of Czechoslovakia took his Davis Cup record to 16

wins out of 20, and McEnroe

are virtually certain to be

"I wish I had more spots. I

wish Davis Cup would go to four out of seven. We'd be totally dominant," Gorman

said. He has to choose among

Courier, Pete Sampras, who

won only one of his singles against the Czechoslovaks,

and Michael Chang, who has

won his last three tourna-

ments. Both Courier and

Chang are difficult to beat on

clay, which is the surface the

Americans will probably pick for the semi-final at Minne-

ago," he said. "It's out of the once that everything is question that the Davis Cup accomplished. "Look at Guy's results since becomes my thing ... It's enough. In five or six years

the beginning of the year. Fine, he beat [Ivan] Lendl time, we will see . . . But now I but, in comparison with his want to do something else." ability, he has not come up to Noah, controversially. his real level. Henri has won dropped Guy Forget and one match. Henri Leconte, so trium-"I feared this would happhant in Lyons, from his singles line-up to face

pen. We even spoke about it on the night we won the cup. The guys agreed with me. They won't be surprised to read this." Noah said Forget and Leconte were at such a low level in training that he and the team reserve, Olivier Delattre, had beaten them in doubles practice.

which he accused Forget and Leconte of resting on the lau-rels of victory instead of con-Until the defeat to Switzerland, Noah had an unbeaten record as non-playing cap-tain, taking over the French two guys who said: 'We've won the cup, that's great," Noah said. "Henri said: The Davis Cup is my life. No, his team at the start of last year and taking them to their first Davis Cup title in 59 years. Forget and Leconte, close

friends and former Davis Cup playing partners of No-ah's, both expressed disap-pointment at his decision. "I told him I would like him to stay on," Forget said. Yannick is irreplacable. We will talk about it again, I hope I can make him change his

Leconte added: "It's a pity because we get on extremely well and it's a shame to finish on a losing note. But Yannick has created a team spirit which can carry on without

Forget and Leconte played in the doubles in Nimes, coming back from two sets down to win and keep France in the tie for 24 more hours.

Noah said he had already had enough of the Davis Cup. "It was taking me nowhere," he said. "Look I've been the black captain of the French team and we sang 'Saga Africa' [the title of Noah's hit single]. There's nothing else to do ... now I want to concentrate on music.' Leconte said later in a radio

interview that Noah's comwere "stupid and idiotic". He added: "It leaves an unpleasant taste in the mouth. It's a pity. I'm disappointed. Every-one has to take his share of the blame ... When the cap-tain announces he will be leaving by next season, psy-chologically you don't ap-proach the tie in the same way. It wasn't good to tell us



MOTOR RALLYING

Kankkunen roll aids Sainz

Spain, was just a day away from his first victory in the fortieth Safari Rally after yes-terday's 1,023km fifth stage. Sainz, in a Toyota Celica, led the Lancia Integrales of Jorge Recalde, of Argentina, and Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, by 28 minutes and 54 min-

utes respectively.

The Spaniard had led the world's toughest raily from the start, with one or two worries over the turbo and a few small punctures his only moments of uncertainty.

Kankkunen the world champion, was lucky to be still in the race, however. A moment's indecision early in the morning saw his car hit a bank at a tight bend and roll. ending back on its wheels.

the movies. I have a broken windscreen and the roof is pushed down — only body-work damage but we are do-ing fine." Kankkunen, the wirmer last year, said.

Juha Piironen, his co-driver, said: "It was lucky I was wearing a helmet because the roof came down on the codriver's side and there was a Mechanics reshaped the

roof of Kankkunen's car to fit a new windscreen. Sainz, who was deposed as

world champion by Kankkunen last year, reported tur-bo problems during the stage but decided against immediate repairs.

He had an accumulated

penalty of one hour and 47 minutes at Baringo, 3,445km through the six-day rally. The fifth leg took the cars through steep hills along the volcanic western Rift Valley and into the plains of northwestern Kenya. The drivers followed the narrow and dusty roads to Nyeri, at the foot of snow-capped Mount Kenya.

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

beat the Braves four games to

three in a magnificent World

Toronto, his third team in

The Twins replaced him

with John Smiley, a 20-game winner, from Pittsburgh, and

added Bill Krueger, a free agent, from Seattle. Kent

Hrbek, Minnesota's leading

left-handed power hitter, dis-

something to aim for."
The goal Binns is aiming at Paris: Fisa, the international motor sports federation, has postponed a decision on whether the 1992 world sportscar champion-ship will go ahead. Indica-tions are that it will, however. during his marathon training is to raise money for the Quest Cancer Test, a charity promoting early screening for all types of cancer. "They are trying to design new tests for cancers," he said. "The earli-er you can pick them up the Rome: Andrea Mode, the Italian Formula One team. has signed Perry McCarthy, better chance you have of treating them successfully." of Britain, and Roberto Moreno, of Brazil. The drivers will contest the Brazilian As a general practitioner at grand prix at Interlagos on Sunday. (Agencies) the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital in Woolwich, Binns



Galloping major: Army officer Nicholas Binns will run for a cancer charity

is a firm believer in prevention being better than cure. "A lot of general practice is about primary prevention and I think these new tests will become more popular as people are becoming more tuned in to their own health."

Unfortunately for Binns, his plans to use his hospital contacts to raise money came unstuck when he discovered that three other people were running the Marathon for three rival charities. But regardless of this, he is circulating sponsorship forms to rake in the funds. Meanwhile, the training is going well. In all, six of the Tritons will run the Marathon and they provide each other with moral sup-

port by training together.
"We did 20 miles for the first time last weekend, which went well, and I think I shall finish in around three hours 15 minutes," he said. They train on the Marathon course itself. "A couple of the people I train with have done the Marathon before so I know what to expect," Binns said. "When I started I was dreading the race but now

ward to it."

ed the idea of pulling rank over his three hospital rivals in the race to get to the sponsors first. "It may just come to that," he said: ☐ The Times and Unisys -

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Liverpool deny bias in hunt for local talent

By Peter Barnard

mentioned a few weeks ago that television was sorely lacking pro-grammes that covered aspects of sport other than the action. So three (well, two) cheers for the return of Standing Room Only, a worthy attempt by BBC 2 to plug precisely that gap.

The show, which goes out on Monday evenings. has the flavour of a televisual version of one of the better fanzines, When Saturday Comes, perhaps. And it has a rough-cut. comic-strip feel which is clearly designed to attract the young. Rightly so. Football, like the church, is dead if it simply grows old with the people within it. Stan Hey, who will not be unfamiliar to readers of

these pages, writes the show and it is presented by Simon O'Brien, a pure Scouser who on Monday brought us an item which sadly, did not live up to its

Are the big Liverpool clubs ignoring talent on their doorstep, and if they are, is that because the talent is black? This is a pretty dangerous proposi-tion if you cannot stand it up. The argument was that Liverpool 8, better known to the nation as Toxteth, has talented players whom the big Liverpool clubs, and especially Liverpool

🥆 he local side has won the premier division of the Liverpool and District League three times in six years, but Liverpool's scouting network in the region appears to focus on the South Merseyside League. Steve Heighway, a former Anfield player now in charge of youth development, emphatically denied any bias in the recruitment policy, either against Toxish or against blacks. A coach in Toxteth claimed that players who were giv-en a trial at Anfield had been told that if they were successful they should move out of Toxieth, a charge Heighway should have been allowed to respond to.

This was a weighty and sensitive subject which Standing Room Only was

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right to tackle, but it would have done better to expand the horizon slightly. The perception that big clubs take the easy way out by buying talent is at best an over-simplification. because the wastage inherent in any youth policy makes it almost as expensive as dabbling in the

transfer market But the programme is not all big issues, thanks be. On Monday we got an interview with George Best, which was mostly unrevealing but at least provided an excuse to look at clips from his heyday. Best did make the point that from his first appearance for Manchester Uni-ted, aged 17, nobody had ever told him how to play, a reference to over-coaching in the modern game.

here was also a bit of satirical fun at the expense of Crystal Palace's Geoff Thomas, focused on his spectacular missed goal for England against France. Looked like a pretty straightfor-ward miskick to me, but it was a decent excuse to suggest that Thomas's career was bound up in conspira-cy theory, a sort of Kennedy assassination relocated to England's muddy fields. The theory was apparently launched when certain mysterious figures started putting about the proposi-tion that Thomas was "quite good".

There was also glamour, in the shape (a word used advisedly) of the ratings-atall-costs Italian televison stations which now have their equivalents of The Match and Match of the Day introduced by underdressed women who flicker their eyelashes, if nothing else, at football stars. Naturally, these included Paul Gascoigne, who now seems to have done everything in Italy except play football. Glamorous women in-

troducing Match of the Day? Gracious me: are you watching, Jimmy Hill?

GYMNASTICS

Championships adopt individual approach

Paris: The International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) is to try new ways of organ-ising the world champion-ships in an attempt to broad-en the appeal of the sport. Next month, gymnasts are bypassing the team stage here and going straight to their choice of apparatus.

In Birmingham next year,

they will largely revert to the traditional practice but without the compulsory exercises. In 1994, the event will go back to the Paris format and. in 1995 and 1996, the championships will be held as usual with team qualifying followed by compulsory and optional individual exercises. Michel Leglise, an FIG offi-cial, said the move should open up the sport to nations that can ill-afford coaches and equipment for every

apparatus. "Countries with modest resources, such as Nigeria and

the Ivory Coast, can now compete in the world championships without having to put forward someone in each discipline," he said. However, Leglise warned that there were limits to the

FIG's wish to experiment. We want to remain a sport and not become a speciacle like Holiday on Ice," he said. Arthur Magakian, one of the organisers of the championships in Paris, highlighted the advantage of allowing gymnasts to specialise.
"By the time they're 20,

most gymnasts go to univer-sity or out to work," he said. They don't have time to train physically and mentally for 30 hours a week, so they leave the sport. It's a shame but, this way, they could stay competitive in just one discipline."

The changes are to be rubber-stamped by the FIG congress in July. (AFP)

BASEBALL

British women score encouraging success

BRIDGE

By Albert Dormer

IN A fine display of commit-ment, four British women have stung American pride and pleased the selectors who had just chosen them for Brit-ain's World Olympiad squad. Only days after being named for the 60-nation

event in Salsamaggiore in August, Michelle Handley. Sandra Landy. Nicola Smith and Pat Davies flew to Pasadena to contest the North American spring championships. Their performance surpassed all other foreign competitors.

Handley and Landy even played as anchor pair to win the women's Swiss team with four Americans over the final weekend of the ten-day tournament. This carries the theoretical right to challenge for berths on the United States

Earlier, the four British women turned in a superb

performance in the Vanderbilt Cup, the sport's most historic trophy, reaching the round of 16 and eliminating the Ross team, captained by a world championship winner. Handley and Landy rounded out their performance by

winning a one-day pairs championship event. The thrice-yearly North American nationals attracts thousands of strong perform-ers, including professionals who receive large fees to take part. No foreign women have done as well as the British

record overseas entry. Their effort has left American officials facing the need for revised seedings and new regulations to avoid the indignity of Europeans winning places on the United States team. Handley described the trip as "a great workout for

foursome, who were part of a

Bell adds clout to Chicago's challenge

located a shoulder and will be sidelined for two to six weeks. THE major leagues have a tough act to follow when the The Chicago White Sox. led by big Frank Thomas and campaign opens next Monthe newcomers, George Bell day. Last season the Minneand Steve Sax, are ready to sota Twins and the Atlanta better two consecutive sec-Braves improved from worst ond-place finishes in the to first in one year in their American League West. Bell divisions before the Twins was acquired on Monday

from the Chicago Cubs to

replace Bo Jackson, who is

FOR most people the thought of their first marathon is

daunting enough. But for Major Nicholas Binns the ADT London Marathon is

just the beginning. April 12 will be a dress rehearsal for

his first triathlon, a mere

three weeks after he crosses

ster Bridge. Binns has always kept him-

self very fit but last autumn he

went a stage further by join-

ing the Greenwich Tritons, a

group of 25 energetic souls whose idea of enjoyment is to

combine swimming, cycling and running in one strength-

sapping event.
Binns's first taste of the

triathlon will see him com-

plete a one-mile swim, a 55-

mile cycle race and a 13-mile run. "I thought it sounded quite fun," he said. "I'm the

sort of person who needs

the finishing line

unable to play while awaiting Nothing disintegrates fasta hip replacement operation. er than a winning combina-Texas, who have never won tion in baseball; no team has the division, could prosper if retained the Series title since their pitching excels. They the New York Yankees of feature Nolan Ryan, aged 45, 1977-8. True to form, Minthe career strikeout leader, nesota have had to make big but they have a ferocious ofadjustments. Jack Morris, the fense, led by the batting most-valuable player in the champion, Julio Franco. Series, departed to pitch for Cito Gaston, of Toronto, is

1991 positions in brackets
AMERICAN LEAGUE: East: 1, Toronto (1); 2, Boston (equal 2); 3, Detroit
(equal 2); 4, Baltimore (6); 5, Milwaukea (4); 8, NY Yankees (5); 7,
Cleveland (7) West: 1, Chicago Writte
Sox (2); 2, Texas (3); 3, Minnesota (1);
4, Cakland (4); 5, California (7); 6,
Kansas City (5); 7, Seattle (5).

one of only five American League managers who hold the job they held one year ago. Toronto, who have won more games than any other club over the past ten seasons, are favourites in the American League East. As well as Morris, who beat them twice in the play-offs, Toronto signed the venerable designated hit-

ter, Dave Winfield, from

California.

Boston, despite adding Frank Viola to a staff led by the incomparable Roger Clemens, still lack pitching depth, but their batting order is excellent. Baltimore hope to thrive in a new stadium, Camden Yards, where President Bush will throw the ceremonial first ball of the year.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: East: 1, Chi NATIONAL LEAGUE: East: 1, Chacago Cubs (equal 3); 2, NY Mets (5); 3, Pittaburgh (1); -4, -5t Louis (2); 5, Philadelphia (equal 3); 6, Montreal (6); West: 1, LA Dodgers (2); 2, Atlanta (1); 3, Cincinnati (6); 4, San Francisco (4); 6, San Diago (3); 6, Houston (6). WORLD SERIJES; Dodgera to beat White Sox In six games.

East, the New York Mets will return to winning ways, having signed first-rate players such as Bobby Bonilla (five years for \$29 million), Eddie Murray, Willie Randolph and Bret Saberhagen. In the National League

West, Atlanta depend on the exceptional pitching rotation of Tom Glavine, Steve Avery John Smoltz and Charlie Leibrandt. Los Angeles signed. Eric Davis to strengthen their superb outfield. Huge salaries are begin-

ning to pinch. One owner said that as many as half of the clubs could lose money this season. Three years ago, Kirby Puckett, of the Twins, became the first to earn \$3 million in a season. Ryne Sandberg, of the Cubs, a perennial All-Star, recently raised the standard by signing an extension that guarantees \$7.1 million a season for four years. One can only wonder what Babe Ruth would command in such a market.

FOREITES FOOTBALL 7.30 unless stated

Barclays League First division Everton v Southamptor

Second division

Bristol Rovers v Southend (8.0)
Derby v Cambridge Utd.
Leicester v Middlesbrough (7.45)
Milwell v Oxford Utd (7.45) Sunderland v Swindon (7.45). Third division

Reading v Brentford (7.45)... Fourth division

EUROPEAN CUP. Semi-final series: Group A: Panathinekos Athens (Gr) v Anderlecht (Bel): Red Star Beignade (Yug) v Sempdorte (ff) (in Sofis). Group B: Bendica (Por) v Dynamo Klev (Ukraine): Sparla Prague (Cz) v Barcelona (Sp).

CUP WINNERS' CUP: Semi-finats, first leg: Monaco (Fr) v Feyenoord Rotterdam (Neth): Club Brugge (Bel) v Werder Bremen (Ger). UEFA CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Fisal Medrid (3p) v Torino (It); Génoa (It) v Ajex Amsterdam (Neth).

HPS LOANS LEAGUE: Presidents Cup: Bishop Auckland v Stalybridge. BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Weterlooville: Corby v VS Rugby.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First offviolore Botton v Bacidoum (7.0); Covantry v Aston Vita (7.0); Leeda v Shaffield Utd (7.0); Manchester Utd v Praidford (7.0); West Bronwich v Notim Forest

(7.0). Second division: Burnley v Black-pool (7.15): Hull v Huddersfield (7.0); Notta County v Mansfield; Port Vale v Soumhorpa (7.0); Preston v Wigen (7.0). FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Quarter-final replay: Shelbourne v Bohemiens. IRISH LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Post-poned: Larne v Cittonville. NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Charlton v Totlenham (7.0); Brighton v Watford (7.15); Norwich v Portanouth (7.0).

CLIFTON STOCKBROKERS LEAGUE AFC Bournemouth v Yeovil Town; Cardiff City v Plymouth Argyle. NORTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Semi-fic NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Pramier division: Denaby Uso v Sutton Town.

RUGBY UNION Heineken Welsh League Second division Aberavon v Glamorgan W (7.0)....

Abertillery v Sth Glam Inst (7.0) REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Kerl Clube v Hertfordshire II (at Gravesend, 7.30).

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OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Carlaberg National Langue: Men: First division: Kingston v Tharmas Valley Tigers: SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Irish Masters (Co Kildere) GREYHOUNDS 1122

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By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT STAY On Tracks and Rubika were the best supported horses for the Martell Grand National yesterday on a day when bets were kept to a minimum due to uncertainties about the

Aintree missed the rain which swept much of the country, but the going on the National course remains soft, while it is good to soft on the Mildmay and hurdles course.

With more showers - and sunshine - forecast between now and Saturday, it is impossible to guess the state of the ground for the big race, which makes finding the winner of the marathon steeple-

chase harder than ever. John Parrett, the clerk of the course, said yesterday: "We have had a very pleasant sunny, drying afternoon which has been rather surprising because the forecast suggested we would get rain. way with Corals, who

"The ground is starting to dry out but we are forecast to have more rain and then a drier spell towards the end of the week. According to the weatherman, it will be sunny on Saturday."

Going crucial factor

as backers hold fire

The abandonment of racing yesterday obviously contributed to the lull before the betting storm, which normally results in about £50 million

being staked on the big race. Stay On Tracks, my eachway fancy for the race, has been solidly backed since the weekend when 50-1 was

available. William Hill reported solid business for the 10-year-old chaser and trimmed his price to 22-1 from 33-1. Rubika, trained by Stan Mellor, was also in demand and was cut from 33-1 to 25-1. Rubika attracted bets of

£1,000 a win and £500 each-

Experts join forces on anti-doping measures The committee will be chaired by Robert Smith, professor of biochemical

pharmacology and chairman

of the Horserace Scientific Advisory Committee.

the new body as official

recognition of the need to

have a "harmonised position

with respect to problems con-

cerning illicit drug use, and to co-ordinate approaches to

anti-doping control, Includ-

Piller still mesmerised by

Aintree's romantic lure

BY RICHARD EVANS

year with Stay On Tracks, who has been well backed

The tough 10-year-old

had the pace to win regular-ly over two-and-a-half miles before being switched to

Never out of the first

three this campaign, he beat an admittedly below-par Kings Fountain in the Rowland Meyrick Chase at Wetherby on Boxing Day, when 51b out of the

The sound jumper en-

joyed a facile victory at

Newcastle two weeks later before finishing a good third in the Elder Chase

over an extended four miles

longer trips this season.

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ing research matters."

Professor Smith described

ordinate anti-doping The Jockey Club yesterday announced the formation of the European Horserace Scientific Liaison Committee, which will meet for the first time in June.

SCIENTIFIC expens from

three countries are to join

forces in an attempt to co-

It is made up of scientists, pharmacologists, vets and adminstrators from Britain, Ireland and France.

The world's greatest

steeplechase, just 72

hours away, knows no

boundaries. As a youngster Peter Piller ought to have

been mesmerised by the ski slopes of his native

Instead, the televised images of Becher's, Valentines and the Canal Turn

combined with the heroics

of horses and jockeys like. Sundew and Fred Winter,

grabbed the attention of an

impressionable Zurich

schoolboy. He fell in love

with Aintree from afar and

the youthful passion has

Piller to have horses in

training with Arthur Ste-

phenson and for the past 19 years the unlikely couple

have prospered Last sea-

son, Piller was leading own-

er and won the Scottish Grand National with

Killone Abbey. But the dream has always

been to have a winner of the

real Grand National The

nearest he has come to ful-

filling a lifetime ambition

was in 1979 when Wagner

finished fifth behind

Rubstic. As Piller prepares to set

off this evening on his annual pilgrimage to Liver-

pool, there is every reason

to believe he has a good chance of succeeding this

The romantic lure of National Hunt racing tempted

Switzerland.

never dimmed.

33-1 to 20-1. The firm also cut Stay On Tracks to 25-1, while Romany King is now 20-1 from 25-1.

Ladbrokes reported more interest in Laura's Beau, the Irish-trained winner of the Ansells National at Uttoxeter two weeks ago, and reduced Frank Berry's hope by two points to 12-1.

Mike Dillon, spokesman for Ladbrokes, said: "It has been very quiet today. People are waiting to see what the ground is like. I would imagine the floodgates will open later in the week."

Mighty Falcon, who returned to winning form for David Elsworth at Win-canton on Friday, is set to run following the defection of Lacidar, trained by Howard Johnson,

The Crook trainer, who saddles Old Applejack on Sat-urday, said: "Lacidar is not a soft-ground horse and the going is all against him." Jason Callaghan, aged 23, will have his first taste of Liverpool when he partners Radical Lady, who also re-turned to her best form recently when winning at

The Sheffield-born jockey has never been to Aintree before, let alone ride around the unique course. "I shall be having a word with some of the old hands, like Chris Grant I have never been to Aintree, even to watch racing, so I will arrive early on Satur-day morning to walk the

when Stephenson's string was slightly off-colour. "The Cheltenham horses

(Cool Ground and Dock-lands Express) had a hard race, so it won't be easy for

"Stay On Tracks will be

fresh so we are looking for-

ward to the big race and, hopefully, who knows? He should go well." Piller said

"For me, the Grand Nat-

ional is still one of the big-

gest sporting events any-

where. My only hope has

always been to have a

a horse that runs very well.
"My dream used to be to
ride the winner, but I grew

too tall and too big. To own

a winner would be one of

the greatest things in my life."

Chris Grant, second

twice on Durham Edition

and once on Young Driver, will ride Stay On Tracks and commented: "I have

got a realistic chance. Time

will tell as you never know

going round there. It's al-ways different to anywhere

"Stay On Tracks Is

straight forward and jumps well. He is a battler and if it

comes to a lighting finish, he will stick his neck right

out to the line. Good

ground is ideal for him. He

would not want it too soft

or firm."

else, but I am hopeful.

them at Aintree.

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MANDARIN RICHARD EVANS 2.15 Sabre Rattler. 2.45 Cocos Island. 3.15 Crail Harbour. 3.45 GO TALLY-HO 2.15 Sabre Rattler. 2.45 Cocos Island 3.15 Toshiba Comet. 3.45 Dawn's Delight 3.45 Miss Knight 4.15 Sparkling Vision. 4.15 Sparkling Vision. 4.45 Santaray. GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST promptly cut his price from 2.15 EBF CAMPSIE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,477: 5f 4yd) (9 runners) BOLDVILLE BASH (P Sevin) T Barron 8-0. KEY TO MY HEART (Mrs M Pickering) D Mottert 9-0. PLUM FIRST 13 (Mrs D Banjamin) N Bycroft 9-0. PRINCIPAL PLAYER 7 (Mrs J Heitson) W Bendey 9-0. SARRE RATTLER 13 (BF) (H Hughes) J Benry 9-0. COSTA VERDE 5 (A White) K Hogg (6M) 8-9. SELYOLE (J Mur) Miss I. Perratt 8-9. SELYOLE (J Mur) Miss I. Perratt 8-9. ... G Certer 8 (7) SENSABO (T Carrothers) Miss L Perratit 8-9 L Dettori L Dettori S (9) 0 SPOTLAND LASS 12 (R Entwistig) W G M Turner 8-9 T Spraits (5) BETTING: 4-6 Sabre Rattler, 5-1 Costa Verde, 6-1 Principal Player, 10-1 Boldville Beain, 14-1 Selvole, 16-1 Plum First, 25-1 others. _ J Fanning (3)

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BOLDVILLE BASH (foeled Mar 18, cost I/1,500gns) by Bold Arrangement, is the first toal of an unraced dam. PRINCIPAL PLAYER 456 3rd of 7 to Lucky Parkes in Cetterick (5f. good) stakes race. SABRE RATTLER 144 3rd of 10 to Touch Saver in Concaster (3f. good) stakes race with PLUM FIRST in Concaster (3f. good) stakes race with PLUM FIRST when to 3 winners, including Helaim, where from 71-1m4f. SENSABC (Feb 22, 2200gns) to Shadow Jury in Beverley (5f. good) seller; previous Salection: SABRE RATTLER

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2.45 HAMILTON ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT CO MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,932: 5f 4yd) (7 runners)

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450 OPTICAL 7 (Mrs H Ware) M Naughlon 9-0 L Charmock, 94
DOUBLE BLUE (R Huggins) M Johnston 8-10 Desin McKeown EBONY ISLE (W Hunter) P Monteith 8-5 Desin McKeown J Farning (8) BETTING: 11-10 Cocos Island, 5-2 Music Dencer, 6-1 Double Blue, 8-1 Optical, 14-1 Ebony Isle, 16-1 Crimon Cosort, 20-1 Don't Run Me Over.

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COCOS ISLAND 6 8th of 8 to Jigsew Boy in Folke-stone (6f., firm) malden.

OPTICAL 111 9th of 19 to Emerald Ears in Calibrick (7f., good) seier. DOUBLE SLUE by Town And Country out of Australian Fair, a daughter of useful Molventampton (5f., good) malden; previously 5i 8th of 9 to Rodrigo de Triano at Haydock (8f., good).

3.15 HOME IN ON HAMILTON HANDICAP (£3,019; 6f 5yd) (11 runners)

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1961: BALLAD DANCER 6-9-1 J Quinn (8-1) & Alaton 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

SEA DEVIL best WELLSY LAD (3lb better off) 3 in 18-runner handicap over course and distance (soft) on penultimate start with CHAPLINS CLUB 11th. PRETONIC 8 4th of 8 to African Chimes in Lingfield (AW, 63) handicap on penultimate start with TOSHIBA COMET (3lb better off) W 5th. CRONIC'S COURAGE 12 2nd of 13 to Furiella in Catteriok (8t, good) handicep with TOSHIBA COM-

IIT (seese terms) 894 6th and 89ANIBH REALM 11th. CRAIL HARBOUR 1141 3rd of 10 to Mademeanours Girl in Severiey (67, good) handless. WELLSY LAD 451 4th of 12 to Artican Chaise In Southerell (AW, 6f) claimer. MINIZEN MUSIC 6141 4th of 15 to Penny Hasset in Wolverhampton (67, hearty) handless. heavy) handicen. Selection: GRONK'S COURAGE

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS JOCKEYS Mry J Rameden W G M Turner M Camsoho J Berry Mas L Permit Mrs G Reveley

☐ There was no racing in Britain or Ireland yesterday. Sedgefield was abandoned because of a waterlogged

course. There are no inspections planned for today's two fixtures, Hamilton Park and Worcester.

3.45 BOTHWELL ROAD SELLING HANDICAP (£2,500: 1m 65yd) (18 runners) 1991; STORMY PRAISE 7-8-9 T Sprake (14-7) W G M Turner 18 ran **FORM FOCUS** GOLDEN ANCONA disappointing since 2½1 4th of 13 to Reservoir at Southwell (AW, 1m). GREAT SERVICE 8 2nd of 18 to Cheeky Pot at Haydock (1m 21 131yd., good to satt). Talyod, good to satt). DAWN'S DELIGHT 151 8th of 16 to Across The Bay in Folkestone (6f, heavy) handicap. MISS KNIGHT 4.15 CHATELHERAULT MAIDEN CLAIMING GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£1,932: 1m 1f 36yd) (15 runners) 1981: DIAMOND PATH 5-9-4 D Nicholle (11-1) N Tinkler 14 ren FORM FOCUS GREY RECORD 8½1 6th of 11 to Dizzy in Edinburgh (1m 31, good to soit) claimer ACCUISTTION 2½1 11 to Le Temeraire in Southwell (AW, 1m 31) claimer and of 11 to Dencing Monarch in Redcar (1m 11, good) selter in August. STATIA 101 2nd of 10 to Cousin Ely in Felkestone (1m 41, aut) maiden on penultimate start. SHINING WOOD 3½1 3nd of 15 to Aude La Beile in Southwell (1m 41, aut) maiden on penultimate start. SHINING WOOD 3½1 3nd of 15 to Aude La Beile in Southwell (1m 41, aut) maiden on penultimate start.

4.45 STRATHCLYDE PARK APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,382: 1m 3f 16yd) (11 runners)

Long handloap: Bobby On The Bank 7-8.
BETTING: 5-2 Salars States, 7-2 Cheeky Pot. 4-1 Long Furlong, 5-1 Obeletic, 8-1 Bobby On The Bank Sentancy, 10-1 Tequita Gold, 12-1 Tequila Gold, 14-1 others. 1991: ACHELOUS 44-7 S D Williams (8-1) J Glover 13 run

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CHEEKY POT \$41 2nd of 17 to Grey Power in handi-cep here (Im 4f, soft), LONG FURLOMS 25el 2nd of 15 to 8t Patrick's Dey in Folkestone (Im 1f 110yd, soft) handicep. OBELISKI 3tl 2nd of 8 to Brora Rose in Sourhwell (AW, 1m 8f) handicep in January, sorier 8 4th of 14 to Thomas Lang in Ayr (1m 2f, soft) apprentice

handcap lest April. GREY COMMNDER 2: 2nd of 13 to Magic Secret in Southwell (AW, 1m 41) chimer in December: earlier best SiLLARS STALKER (4lb better off) fel in 13-runner Ponteiract (1m 41, good) selling handcap. TEQUILLA GOLD 7 let 4th of 8 to Golden Chip at Ayr (1m 21, good). Selection: CHESKY POT (nsp)

Cardoun has Guineas target CARDOUN will run in the 2,000 Guineas, provided he successfully comes through his prep race in the Prix Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte on

His trainer Elie Lellouche is aiming his dual group winner for the English classic in preference to the French equivalent, as he believes that the colt

will be better suited to Newmarket.

The Prix Omnium II at Saint-Cloud next Tuesday, in which Arazi will make his reappearance, has attracted 19 entries, one of which, Akiko, will act as pacemaker for Francois Bourin's champion.

Boutin captured the £20,555 Prix Edmond Blanc at Saint-Cloud yesterday with Exit To Nowhere, who beat Zanadiyka by a neck.

THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS MANDARIN 2.00 Flying Speed. 2.30 Trevaylor. 3.00 Magnus Pym. 3.30 BRIEF 2.00 All Present. 3.30 Popeswood. 2.30 Bendicks. 5.00 MUSICAL 3.00 WOODURATHER MONARCH (nap). (nap). 3,30 Shakima. ENCOUNTER (nap). 4.00 Gunner's Flight. 4.30 Noble Insight. 5.00 Mr Optimistic. 4.00 Gunner's Flight. 4.30 Noble Insight. 5.00 Musical Monarch.

Brian Beek 4.00 Gunner's Flight.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 GUNNER'S FLIGHT. GOING: SOFT (CHASE COURSE); SOFT, HEAVY PATCHES (HURDLES)

2.00 MUSKET NOVICES HURDLE (21,235: 2m) (22 runners) | STATES | S BETTING: 8-13 Flying Speed, 5-1 Petmer, 8-1 Insh Emersid, 8-1 All Present, 12-1 Modern Art, 14-1 Henley Regatts, 20-1 others

1991: FAR OVER STRUY 6-11-2 J Osborne (9-4) O Sherwood 19 ran

Magnus Pym ready to offer Balding's team timely boost

Piller: hoping to turn

dreams into reality

AS THE big Liverpool meeting approaches, every trainer likes to have a winner if only to confirm the well-being of their horses.

At Worcester today, I will be looking to Magnus Pym to give Toby Balding - the trainer of Cool Ground and Morley Street, to name just two of his Aintree raiding party - that reassurance by winning the Commandery Handicap Hurdle in the hands of Richard Guest.

If any runner at the Severnside course is guaranteed to appreciate the soft ground underfoot, it is this seven-year old who has got to have plenty of cut in the ground, according to his Whitcombe-based handler, because he won't let himself down on fast going.



MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Last time out Magnus Pym was beaten only a neck and the same by Fresh Mint and Romful Prince at Devon &

He did not ger the rub of that race because he hit the front much too soon after being left in the lead when the fast early gallop took its toll on the pacemakers. Now Guest is likely to try to delay his challenge much later. While Woodurather and

Bollinger are other mudlarks in the field who seem bound to give a good account of themselves in the prevailing conditions, I much prefer Magnus Pym.

The task of landing my nap though is entrusted to that promising claimer Michael Fitzgerald, who teams up with Brief Encounter in the Restoration Handicap Chase.

A winner by 20 lengths over today's course and dis-tance last Wednesday after an encouraging run behind Granny Pray On at Newton Abbot previously, Brief Encounter is unlikely to be so leniently treated again in the foreseeable future.

With only three runs under his belt, he will also be fresher than most at this stage of the

On an afternoon when Flying Speed (2.00) and Noble Insight (4.30) look capable of providing Martin Pipe and Peter Scudamore with two

more bites at the apple of success, racegoers should be treated to an enthralling duel between Fiddlers Pike and Gunner's Flight for supremacy in the RMC Group Novices Hunters' Chase. Both are unbeaten this season. Having accounted for last Saturday's Ascot winner Double Silk at Wolverhampton last time out, Gunner's Flight gets my vote.

On the Flat at Hamilton, those who ensured that Sabre Rattler started a short-priced favourite for the Brocklesby Stakes at Doncaster should get their money back in the Campsie Maiden Stakes. Although eventually beaten

into third place on Town Moor, Sabre Rattler was not disgraced when going down by only a length and a half and a head behind Touch Silver and Nominator. I can also envisage Lynda Ramsden's in-form hurdler

Sillars Stalker, who has won

his last four races, keeping up

the good work by landing the

Strathclyde Park Apprentice

Blinkered first time HAMILTON PARK: 4 15 Simply Candy. 2.30 CROMWELL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE 2.520: 2m) (12 runners)

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2.4P;3211 TREVAYLOR 18 (D,G,S) (G Noye) P Hobbs 8-11-3 B Citiford
8 F12F44 NORTHERN LION 12F (D,F,G) (R Halling) R Thompson 9-10-13 D Bridgwater
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10 0-25023 LITTLE TOM 19 (M C'Conner) J King 7-10-0 D C Sullivan
14 AFS/PF TURKISH STAR 27 (K White) G Ham 7-10-0 R Bellamy
15 000-P5 EIGHTY EIGHT 14 (Mar H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 7-10-0 D Meade
15 P/BP-PP SONG AN DANCE MAN 13 (W Lee) Mrs A Lee 8-10-0 D Lealyy

Long handicap: Eighty Eight 9-13, Gods Fox 9-13, Song An'Dence Man 9-13.
BETTING: 4-5 Trevaylor, 5-1 Liftle Tom, 11-2 Spark Of Peace, 8-1 Bendicks, 12-1 Northern Lion, Mr-Paw, 14-1 Snowy Bondlair, 20-1 others 1991: WESTERN COUNTIES 12-11-0 N Mann (7-1) R Holder 13 ran

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2 631003 MAGNUS PYM 13 (G.S) (R Standbridgel G Badding 7-11-5. R Guest 93
3 440100 KANDABIL 20 (R.S) (N MacArderevs) N Tribler 5-11-6. G McCourt 94
4 110133 WOODURATHER 33 (D.BF.G) (R Barber) M Pipe 8-11-2. P Scudamore 96
5 2F0-128 BOILLINGER 32 (C.F.G.S) (R Biot) J Geftord 6-11-0. D Murphy 90
6 024331 RED RING 13 (S) (D Cromose) J Webber 5-10-11. WMerston (7) 94
7 00002F VISCOUNT TUILLY 21 (BF.S) (Fumel Securities 5 A) C Jackson 7-10-10. R Stronge 93
8 41U-3PP GREAT SIMPLICITY 79 (B.BF.S) (M Burt) R Akeburst 5-10-0. J Osborne 91
9 0/8P20-0 GENERAL TINKER 45 (S) (J Soles) C Smith 9-10-0. Martin Jones 88
10 51P-909 MOST INTERESTING 76 (C.F.S) (J Prickey) G Jones 7 10-0. E Tigring (S) 89
11 132350/ YANBU 732 (B.F.S) (J Semmons) J Simmons 7-10-0 A Maguire 91
12 442213 LA RAPTOTTE 37 (C.BF.F.G) (A Winghi) M Charles 5-10-0. Judy Davies (7) 90
13 0P31P-0 CONEY DOVE 12 (F) (J Price) R Price 7-10-0 L Squire (7) 70
14 84PU04 FORCELLO 21 (C,G.S) (B Lewellyn) B Llewellyn 9-10-0 Mr J L Llewellyn (7) 87
15 64006-P FAMILLE 16 (F) (D Mill) D 8et 6-10-0 . R Bellamy 70
16 /4/0P50 EASTER RAMBLER 13 (F) (O Henley) R Bennett 10-10-0 W Elderfield — Long handicap: Great Simplicity S-13, General Tinker 9-7, Most Interesting 9-5, Yanbu 9-5, La Raptonia 9-2, Coney Dove 8-12, Forcelo 8-6, Fanille 8-6, Easter Rambler 7-8.
BETTING: 3-1 Woodursther, 5-1 Magnus Pym. 6-1 Mariners Mirror, 7-1 Red Ring, 8-1 Viscount Tulty, BETTING: 3-1 Woodursther, 5-1 Magnus Pyrn, 5-1 Mariners Mirror, 7-1 Red Ring, 8-1 Viscount Tully, 10-1 Bollinger, Great Simplicity, 12-1 Kanndabil, Le Raprotte, 16-1 others.

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FILE CONDESSO OUR IN LINE RACECARE Figure and number. Drew in brackets, So-figure form (F - fell. P - pulled up. U - unseated rider. B - brought down. S - sipped up. R - refused. D - disqualitied). Horse's name. Days since last S - soft, good to firm, hand. G - good. S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in cutting: J if jumps, F is field. (B - binkers. V - visor, H - hood. E - Eyeshield. C - course winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and 3.30 RESTORATION HANDICAP CHASE (£2,847; 2m 4f) (11 runners)

P-P54F DEVIL'S VALLEY 33 (B.D.S) (Mis A Galvanoni) R Rows 9-12-0.

2 /3R24/1- ROYAL PAVILKON 515 (D.G.) (Quoen Euzbein) Mis F Walwyn 9-11-5

3 /3P0-43 SHARIMA 15 (D.F.Q.S) (Miss 5 York) K Basley 11-10-3

4 P4-3535 SKYLARIK WONDER 14 (10) (A Suspis) C Popham 10-10-0. R

5 125540 DERRYMORE BOY 21 (Q.S.) (G Pesquall) J Filich-Heves 10-10-0

4 402-22 POPESWOOD 18 (D.S.) (N Hichmay W Wightman 9-10-0

7 491-121 BRIEF ENCOUNTER 7 (CD.G.S.) (C Lawle) P Nacholis 8-10-0 (7e-1) M A FI

8 P22-10P PURBECK DOVE 54 (D.Q.) (H Petry) Mis H Parroll 7-10-0

9 P/00-0P1 MARTIN'S FRIEMD 14 (CD.S.) (D Bloomheld) D Bloomheld 9-10-0

10 0P034U SHEER STEEL 11 (S) (Steel Plate & Sections Lid) J Bullovets 12-10-0

10 0P350F PRY'S-10Y 21 (G Hubbard) F Munchy 8-10-0. 19-10-0 M Richards = sholls 8-10-0 (?e-) M A Fitzgerald (3) if (7-10-0 Bloomledd 9-10-0 R Greene (5) C Lierellyn A Maguire Long handicap: Brief Encounter 6-12, Purbeck Dove 9-8, Martin's Friend 9-5, Shear Steel 9-6, Pry's-Joy 9-4 BETTING: 3-1 Brief Encounter, 4-1 Popeawood, 5-1 Devil's Valley, 6-1 Royal Pavilion, 7-1 Shakima, 8-1 Skylark Wonder, 10-1 Martin's Friend, Sheer Sidel, 14-1 others
1901: HURRY UP HENRY 12-11-3 Mass A Harwood (5-2 n-tov) G Harwood 8 ran

4.00 RMC GROUP NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,605: 3m) (10 runners) BETTING: 4-7 Gunner's Flight, 11-4 Flodders Pike, 7-1 Frome Boy, 12-1 Expensive Lark, Ticarc 16-1 others

1991: ELVER SEASON 8-12-2 R Ainer (4-7 lav) B Pike 13 ran

4.30 INFANTRY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235: 2m) (19 runners) P Scudamore 999
S McNelli 94 Mr C Ward Thomas L Squire (7)
D Bridgwater (3)
A Maguire
D Murphy
G Moore BETTING: 11-4 Noble Insight, 100-30 Around The Horn, 4-1 Mrs Jawleyford, 6-1 Mcddlewick, 8-1 Hackenbuch 10-1 Treguritia, 12-1 Chinese Panitier, 14-1 others 1991, NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.00 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,970: 2m 4f) (22 runners) 1 138422 MR OPTIMISTIC 11 (C.BF.G) (Oron Recing) J J O Noill 5-11-13
2 R21112 JAN-RE 19 (D.BF) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-11 9
3 5012 SOVEREIGN SOUND 27 (GI (Mrs. M Taylor) A Turnell 5-11-5
4 00-1000 WARNER FOR WINNERS 33 (S) (Terry Warner Sports) P Hobbs 6-11-0
5 0-300 ROYAL HAVEN 57 (Mrs. D Stamp) 5 Sherwood 6-10-13
6 00-3106 MUSICAL MONARCH 69 (BF.S) (S Williams) D Barons 6-10-13
7 8U-020 TALBOT 22 (Y Dennis) C Smith 6-10-11
8 520 THE BLACK MONK 19 (B.BF) (Pipe Scudenore Recing I Pic) M Pipe 4-10-8
9 540255 LIRIE LAD 13 (B Beretelon) P Hoditori 6-10-3
10 IDFS-FP2 RYDAL PRIDE 18 (W Gale) J Cathord 7-10-3
11 538066 LANSDOWNE 7 (R Dennisad) O O'Neil 4-10-1
2 8PAGEZ CARDINAL BIRD 7 (J Fene) S Meltor 5-10-0
13 00/460P SARAH'S WROATH 48 (Mrs. V Stockdate) M Soudamore 7-10-0
14 051 JARRWARI 36 (D) (A Cadorett J Spoem 4-10-0
15 0000 GLITTERBIRD 15 (B) (K Bahop) K Bartop 5-10-0
16 6000 JOLLY FILER 27 (A Hawkings) Mrs. A Knight 4-10-0
17 60000 JOLLY FILER 27 (A Hawkings) Mrs. A Knight 4-10-0
18 400004 MELDON 23 (D Jones) T Hallett 5-10-0
19 FPD HAM HILL PRINCE 56 (Mrs. P Snew) A J Wileon 10-10-0
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Selection of table tennis representatives for the Olympic Games causes furore

South Africa torn by new discrimination

Nebiolo said: "I am optimistic a

good majority of Africans will be

beaten Roberts.



De Klerk: assured aid

WHILE Primo Nebiolo has been persuading President F. W. de Klerk to help finance this month's Unity athletics meetings in Dakar and Pretoria, South African sport was yesterday being torn by an instance of reverse (anti-white) discrimination on selection of the table tennis representatives for the Olympic Games.

And, at the same time, representatives of the South African Olympic committee (Nocsa) were grossly overreaching their prerogative by demanding political conditions from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for their team's participation in Barcelona. Even with the birth of national liberalisation, South African sport remains a witch's cauldron of conflicting interests.

With the assistance of the South African ambassador in Rome. Nebiolo has been assured by de

Klerk of \$2.5 million financial aid for the two-leg meeting, an essential preliminary to the affiliation of Athletics South Africa, the unified body, by the International Ama-teur Athletic Federation (IAAF) in May. That is necessary for participation of a South African athletics contingent at the Olympics.

From Rome, Nebiolo told The Times: "A few days ago I learned that there were difficulties in Africa over money for the Unity games. I contacted the Ambassador, explained our strategy and asked him to tell president de Klerk that we needed his help. On Monday, Lamine Diack, the presi-dent of African athletics, called me from Dakar to say he had been informed that money had been made available."

This was confirmed by sports minister Louis Pienaar at yesterday's meeting here between the

visiting IOC delegation and de value, as a role model, to future development. Odendaal, under-Klerk. The Dakar meet will be standably, is concerned with her small-scale, with 13 events, but

There will be a huge price to pay by many whites in the rebalanting The table tennis controversy of South African sport. Their cricketers were complaining yes epitomises the agony within South Africa's soul. Cheryl Roberts and Louis Botha have been selected by terday about receiving less money than their World Cup foreign the unified Table Tennis SA. Bocounterparts, but some of thattha is white, from the former SATT Union: Roberts is non-World Cup money is going towards the united cricket board's white, from the former SATT development programme. Board. There is an outcry in the white-orientated press that Surita Odendaal (white) has regularly

What coaching did Graeme Pol-lock ever do? Of course the tabletennis selection is correct. Odendaal is unfortunately paying the price of her forebears' neglect. The fact is that Roberts also coaches hundreds of under-privi-Keba M'Baye, head of the IOC delegation, reflected at the final leged children, and her participa-tion in Barcelona will be of infinite

own career, but has no compara-

ble community involvement.

ca's team should represent not only today's society but toffictiow's.

In de Klerk's discussion with the delegation, he reconfirmed last year's policy that the Olympic committee, Nocsa, had to be selfdetermining; historically, he was alldressing their non-white officials, Sam Ramsamy and Mhileki George. There was no governmental move to prevent Notsa, de Klerk said, determining that its flag at the games should not be that which, for the thoment, remains the national flag. It will be Nocsa's interim design. Further, de Klerk promised some financial assistance though he thought abandonment of the springbok emblem "provocative".

Unwisely, I believe, Nocia is demanding of the IOC that no national flag should be on display

The IOC controls only Olympic territory, where Nocsa's flag will reign; the IOC has no jurisdiction over the streets and buildings of the city, where local government has the right to fly the current flag of the South African state.

In the pursuit of democracy. Nocsa's officials cannot deny the democratic process. Ramsamy. however, though he treads a knifeedge in his attempt to blend not only the emotions but the ambitions of black and white within this fraught nation, showed a diplomatic touch. He suggested that domestic debate with the government should take place at a subsequent meeting and not in front of the IOC, who were there only to explain their own regulations and to protect the sovereignty of

Antipodean unions force issue on rugby league reinstatements

Australians flout amateur rule

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

AUSTRALIA, the World Cup holders, will press for a more open rugby fraternity when the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) meets this month in Wellington. The Queensland Rugby Union has already agreed that Greg Dowling, a former international rugby league prop who retired last year from the professional game.

can play rugby union for GPS, the Brisbane club. New Zealand, at their council's annual meeting last week, added substance to the argument by reinstating two players. Rob Penney (who promptly captained Canter-bury against Auckland two days later) and Carlos Hassan, who have both taken part in rugby league trials

during the last year.

At the time John Dowling (no relation), chairman of their amateur status subcommittee, said that individual unions should have discretion to decide whether individual cases should be penalised as heavily as the IRFB regulations demand.

Australia, the only country in the world where rugby league is stronger than rugby union, has for a long time turned a blind eye towards the involvement of former rugby league players in the union game. The argument is that they need all the resources they can get to counter the threat of the professional game, which has now also affected New Zealand, where telecasts of the Sydney rugby league compe-tition are becoming increasingly popular.

Norbert Byrne, one of Australia's representatives on the IRFB, said that Dowling, who played first-grade rugby league for the Brisbane Broncos, was admitted to play rugby union on the grounds that he had not previously played the game: "He is the highest-profile league player we have ever accepted."

Byrne said.
"But that is a totally different sport and why should it be discriminated against? We wouldn't have free access back and forth between the codes but someone who has never been admitted to rugby is being discriminated against. It's quite wrong for countries where the situation doesn't arise to try and dis-criminate against Australia." Byrne admits that this will

be a test case of amateur regulations which, as they are framed, do not permit a play-er to be reinstated until five years after he last received "material benefit" for playing and then in an administrative rather than playing role. Certainly Dowling does not fall within that orbit and it may be that, by trying to force the issue, the Australians will not receive much sympathy, notably from the northern

In New Zealand last week, Wales was cited as being sup-portive of discretion where the reinstatement regulations were concerned, since their loss to rugby league over the last two years has been well chronicled. However Denis Evans, the Welsh Rugby Union secretary, insists that there should be a basic framework accepted by all countries: "We have supported the existing position more stringently than many," he

"The general committee will meet shortly to examine whether the game should become totally open but the problem for the game at large is that if it that were to happen, it could quickly find itself bankrupt."

Norman Bruce, the former

Army and London Scottish hooker capped 31 times by Scotland between 1958 and 1964. has died, aged 59.

Telemundi wants to be

TELEMUNDI, the sports marketing company, con-firmed yesterday that it wished to be considered for the position of commercial adviser to the 1995 Rugby World Cup (David Hands writes). It will bid against, among others, the CPMA group, which held the position for the 1991 tournament in Britain, Ireland and

The company, based in Monaco, handled the licensing programmes for the last three football World Cups and is engaged in marketing the 1992 Expo in Seville, for which it has raised more than £600 million.

In the interests of fair competition, the future growth of the Rugby World

adviser for 1995 cup Cup and its commercial success, we wish to put on record our willingness to be considered for the post." Wolfgang Stein, president of Telemundi, said. "It is essential, in the interests of the tournament, that the very best company be appointed to this position." Telemundl acted as the merchandising and

licensing agent in 1991. It is expected that the venue for the 1995 tournament will be confirmed when the International Rugby Football, Board holds its annual meeting later this month in Wellington. Delegates may also expect to hear details of the income raised for rugby dur-ing the 1991 tournament and how it is proposed that money should be spent.



Kardooni to miss semi-final

BY DAVID HANDS

LEICESTER confirmed yes-terday that they will be without Aadel Kardooni, their scrum half, for Saturday's Pilkington Cup semi-final against Harlequins, the holders, at the Stoop Memorial ground. His place will be taken by Darren Grewcock. Kardooni damaged medial

ligaments in a knee on Saturday. Dean Richards, Rory Underwood and John Liley. will return to the team. Harlequins will confirm their XV tomorrow evening.

Gloucester, who play Bath at Kingsholm in the other semi-final, will also decide their team tomorrow. Their casualties include John Hawker (hooker). Tim Smith (full back), David Sims (lock), Bob Phillips (prop) and Neil Matthews (stand-off).

However, Paul Ashmead, the flanker, will be fit to play. Moreover, Gloucester have been encouraged to see Mike Teague training once more. ☐ Mark Jones, of Neath, has been fined £400 for an attack held at the court on April 28.

during a drinking session. He was also ordered by magistrates at Bridgend to pay £200 compensation to Mark Williams, aged 22, who he pulled down and kicked twice in Porthcawl on Boxing day. ☐ The court appearance of Gary Rees, the Nottingham flanker charged with grevious bodily harm on Stefan Marty, of London Irish, did not go ahead at Staines Magistrates Court yesterday. A committal hearing will be

WRU refuses demand from clubs

has refused to bow to pressure from the Association of Senior Clubs (ASC) over its decision to play both Schweppes Cup semi-finals on the same afternoon at Cardiff Arms Park and has forced a deadlock between the groups (a Special Correspondent writes).
Twice in the past two

seasons the ASC has backed down, over television rights

THE Weish Rugby Union and Sunday semi-finals, and Heineken League and wants the WRU is confident of win- the games played at separate ning the day again.

"Like spring flowers, they come out with something like this every year. They will contrive something if they haven't got something worthy of debate," Denis Evans, the WRU secretary, said. "This is a clear threat to the authority of the Union."

the top 20 teams in the

venues, has claimed that the Union contravened its own constitution by making the semi-finals a double header on May 4. a bank holiday Monday.

Evans denied the suggestions. "The Schweppes Cup is a WRU compension and the Competitions Committee has The ASC, which represents absolute power to make deciSPORT AND THE GENERAL ELECTION

Local authorities to be main providers

The Times invited the three

our citizens is of the highest consider ation for Liberal Democrats. We recognise that sport plays a unique role in our society. Nothing else offers the same potential benefits for individuals their communities and the country it provides fitness, health, education and economic benefits, as well as fortering nitifonal bride and international unider standing and presting. Above all sport is good fine whether it is a family wall or a charity funcion. It allows individuals to set their own goals, whether swimming their first width of competing for an Olympie gold medal.

Liberal Democratic believe that a new structure and funding system for UK sport must be established centred on individual needs and aspirations. We age determined to create a clear delineation of responsibilities for sportal mistaligement. We will authorities as the main providers and funders the role of least authorities as the main providers and funders the role of least authorities as the main providers and funders the role of least authorities as the main providers and funders the role of least authorities as the main providers and funders the role of least authorities as the main providers and funders the role of least authorities as the main providers and funders the sports. highest consider-

main political parties to set out their manifesto for sport in this week before the General Election. Today: Menues Campbell, the spokesman for the Liberal influence attitudes at all levels of government, for the education service and among cimployers:

The commission will promote sporting excellence and support individual performers. It will extend the procession of the commission of the

formers. It will examine passible sources of funding for performers, ranging from bussaries for higher education to individual sponsorship and also establish an advisory service. The institute of aport will authorities as the main pro-viders and funders of sports facilities and development.

dent sports commission to provide a UK voice for participants, speciators and dands of coaching administrators in the coordination and development of facilities.

Establish new institute of sport to co-ordinate good practice in coaching reference in sports science to chear the using drugs all participants at whatever the first step in achief the commission of drug taking we are to be able to compete with the best in the world. Our sports commission will be attempting to the change the legislation to

bring anabolic steroids within the scope of the Misuse of Drugs Act, making it an offence to possess the drugs without a medical prescription. Ensure funding is adequate to support appropriate competition and

random testing.

Continue the UK's campaign for harsher, uniform, international penalties for ☐ Maintain research into

the detection of the ever-more sophisticated substances being used by

cinbs should be offered financial incentives. Each club will be entitled to prepare a Community Sports Plan (CSP) setting out the role which it intends to play in its own community. On receiving local authority approval, clubs will be entitled to rates relief encitib properties, comparaclub properties, compara-ble with that received by charities. Non-profit discharities. Non-pront dis-tributing sports clubs will be entitled to apply for full charitable status and a zero-rating on VAT. The links between schools and clubs established under CSPs will allow pupils to make the transition from school to club sport rather more casily, limiting the loss of participants, which

currently takes place at 16. Only a co-ordinated approach, encompassing both the education system and sports clubs, can open up sporting opportunities to all and allow Britain to meet its full sporting

potential. Sport for All is in danger of remaining just a slogan unless we begin to address the anomalies in provision, which are currently mani-lest from top to bottom in ige the legislation to British sport.

N Ireland safely into last four

NORTHERN Ireland, with scored for Northern Ireland

NORTHERN Ireland: wait scored for Northern Ireland II goals in two matches secured their place in the efficients of the British with Combining in the morning in to make street UAU I who had drawn !-! with Combining in the morning the Irish best of Irish best of Irish best of Wales 5-0, with goals the Irish best of Wales 5-0, with goals

by Edwards: twice from short corners, Raiph, twice from open play, and Bambury.

London qualified for the semi-final from this pool, scoring a 3-1 win over Scotland with goals by Andy Thompson from a short corner. Woods and McCuiring ner, Woods, and McGuire, from another short corner. Edgar scored a late goal for Scotland. McGuire scored three goals in London's 7-0 win over Wales.

PLESULTS: Pool A: Northern Indiand 4, UAU II 9: Cambridge 1, UAU II 1; Northern Indiand 7, Cambridge 4; UAU II 1, UAU II 2, Pool E: Oxford 5, Wales 0; Scotland 1, London 3; Oxford 1, Scotland 1; London 7, Wales 0.

GOLF: DEFENDING CHAMPION LOOKS TO OVERCOME SHAKY PREPARATION FOR THE MASTERS NEXT WEEK

Lytham's Open date

THE Open Championship returns to Royal Lytham in 1996, giving Severiano Ballesteros the chance to achieve a feat last managed by Harry Vardon in 1914.

When Vardon won his record sixth title 78 years ago. it was his third success at Prestwick and such a feat will be in Ballesteros's sights after victories in 1979 and 1988.

Lytham has staged the Open eight times. Bobby Jones was the first winner there, as an amateur, in 1926 and no other American has emulated him, the subse quent champions being Bob-by Locke (1952). Peter Thomson (1958), Bob Charles (1963), Tony Jacklin (1969). Gary Player (1974) and then Ballesteros twice.

The 1996 championship will run from July 18 to 21. with the final qualifying competitions the previous Sunday Formby, St Annes Old and Southport and Ainsdale. After Muirfield this summer, here tomorrow. "I'm fright-

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IN NEW ORLEANS

IAN Woosnam is banking on a change of putter in helping him to overcome a crisis in confidence with just a week to go before his defence of the

Masters at Augusta. petitions the previous Sunday and Monday at Fairhaven, hit the putts." Woosnam said as he practised for the New Orleans Classic, which starts the Open moves to Sandwich, ened of missing the hole. It's a Turnberry and St Andrews, . matter of nerve and I'm get-

Woosnam's nerve on the line ting really nervous standing over the ball.

"I've lost my touch before although not for this long. The more I practise the worse it seems to get. I'm just flicking at the putts now."

Woosnam spent two-and-ahalf hours on the putting green here fiddling with his stroke and he has decided to return to the Tad Moore putter with which he won this tournament 12 months ago and the Masters.

Woosnam said. "I don't know why, although I did switch to a similar model. I've accumulated a few others since but I'm banking on the original

one again." Woosnam single-putted only three times in 36 holes at The Players Championship holing from one, four and eight feet - and he missed the cut because he three-putted the 15th and 17th holes.

"When things go against you they really do," Woosnam said. "I even had an air shot "I stopped using it two said. "I even had an air shot weeks after the Masters." at one hole last week. This

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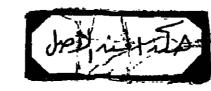
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ister, Kym Mayse, that the Games might be moved to Adelaide was simply part of a trial balloon" being floated by Adelaide to host the 1998 Commonwealth Games, he suggested. It was in competition with Kuala Lumper and "I guess if might strengthen Adelaide's position if they can say they will be ready earlier."
Heller said work would

start this summer to convert the stadium at the University of Victoria, present capacity. 2,500 into one that provided



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Points lift the spirits of the bottom club

Doncaster recover from League's pathetic decision

Doncaster Rovers..... Вү Кепти Ріке

IT IS an ill wind that blows nobody any good, but at Belle Vue they are still waiting for the faintest whiff of good fortune after the demise of Al-dershot Football Club last

Before then, at least, Doncaster Rovers could look down to the one club below them in the League and take some small comfort from the fact that someone, somewhere, was worse off than them both in terms of ability and assets. Not any more.

And the fact that, half an hour before the start of yesterday's game with Barnet, all the programmes had been sold should not be taken as even the smallest sign of a revival in Yorkshire. Supporters buying a dozen at a time freely admitted they were after memorabilia from what they felt could be one of Doncaster's last games. Sadly,

they could be right.

The threat of relegation to the GM Vauxhall Conference may not be there this year. but when a side has won only five League games all season, the loss of four points and that one all-important place above the fourth division basement once Aldershot's record had been expunged. was a mortal blow, the Doncaster manager. Steve Beaglehole, admitted.

But it was to get worse: a couple of days later Rovers were forced to accept Mansfield Town's offer of £25,000 for their leading goal-scorer and best player, Kevin Noteman. "It was sell or go under," Beaglehole said.

Three other players, including the regular first-team goalkeeper, were also allowed

Clough will

carry on

until 1994

TABLE

C Not including last night's matches to join other clubs on loan in an attempt to reduce the wage bill, and for good measure a planned two-day city centre fund-raising event had to be cancelled because not enough people volunteered to act as collectors.

All very depressing, but for the real tragedy of Doncaster and the real indictment of those who profess to care you have to go back a couple of weeks before Aldershot's death throes were finally

It was then that the pylon at the corner of the popular ter-race at Belle Vue, which had been creaking along with the team, gave up the ghost. And it was then that the Football League came into its own with a ruling so staggeringly insensitive to Doncaster's plight it beggers belief.

Losing money with each week and unable now to play evening matches at Belle Vue, Doncaster tried to stage yesterday's game, with a 7.30pm kick-off, first at Rotherham, then at Scunthorpe, and finally at Barnsley, who had offered the use of Oakwell free of charge. Barnet were willing, the police and stewards were informed — and the crocodiles at Lytham St Annes, all the time shedding tears over Aldershot, said no. Apparently, it would not have been fair to Barnet's promotion rivals for Doncaster to have to stage a "home" game at a neutral venue.

And so yesterday, kicking off at 2pm and watched by a crowd consisting largely of pensioners, unemployed and pre-school age children. Doncaster won 1-0, dinging on to Mike Jeffrey's 37th-minute goal like shipwrecked sailors to a life raft.

Victory narrowed the gap on Carlisle United to six points and cost Doncaster, in the estimation of their chairman, Jim Burke, more than £3.000, the difference between what an average gate of 2,000-plus would have brought in and the amount generated by yesterday's crowd of 1,247, just 84 above the club's lowest-ever for a League game. The points were welcome

Beaglehole and Burke agreed. The money was much more important, maybe even the difference between survival and extinction. "We were devastated by the FA's deci-sion," Beaglehole said. "It was astonishing . . . a pathet-ic decision made by pathetic little men in a little room."

Next season, if they are still in business. Doncaster will have cut their playing staff to 16 full-time professionals, halved their wage bill, abandoned their reserve side, and sold their pitch by the square yard to raise money. It will be a modest existence to say the least, but an existence which the Football League can take no credit in prolonging.

DONCASTER ROWERS: P. Cristaer: C. Douglas (sub: A Crosby), S. Prindville, J. Asharat, B. Crmsby, E. Garniey, G. Warboye (sub: P. Markarat), B. Rowe, M. Nebroteon, M. Jahloy, B. Rhodden, B. Rhoter, D. Rhodden, G. Cooper, M. Bartier, T. A. Peper, P. Wilson, G. Cooper, M. Bodley, D. Howel, D. Horton, R. Willis (sub: G. Poole), M. Carter (sub: F. Marphy), G. Bult, D. Preyne, P. Showler Pasterset, K. Cooper.

Lazio take another look at Gascoigne

BRIAN Clough, who was 57 last month, yesterday ban-ished all talk of retirement by TOTTENHAM Hotspur manager, Peter Shreeves, made light yesterrequesting an extension to his contract as manager of Notday of a visit to London by Lazio officials for another tingham Forest (Chris Moore look at Paul Gascoigne, who Not surprisingly, the Footis scheduled to join them in the summer for £5.5 million. ball League's longest-serving The move is subject to Gasmanager was immediately given an additional 12coigne passing a fitness test

month agreement, which will on his damaged knee by May run from the finish of his Recent reports have sugexisting contract at the end of gested that the Italians are next season to the conclusion wary about his chances but Shreeves said: "They are comof the 1993-4 campaign. The deal was struck a few ing over purely to keep an eye hours after Fred Reacher had on him - nothing more than taken over as chairman from Maurice Roworth, who has

resigned.
"It's my first day as chairman and I have come out of my first meeting with the manager with a great boost for myself and the club," "I have always regarded Brian as the best manager in the business. That's why the last 17 years have been the Italians. most successful in the club's

SPORT IN BRIEF

selection by now but the fact that this has not happened is said to be worrying the

☐ Gary Owers has failed to

that. There are no tests planned." Last month Gascoigne had the pins supporting the knee removed. He has been playing five-a-side games during training with the Spurs squad. Tottenham originally hoped he could be fit for

ough on Sunday. ☐ Jim Smith, the manager of the second division's other

berlain and Steve Wigley.

Smith had not announced the decision, but a letter in a local newspaper from an unnamed Portsmouth player revealed the news and hit out at the decision. The player, who did not identify himself, said: "It's a great club and they rarely get it wrong, but we feel in this case they have. Prove them wrong and come back and haunt us like many professionals have done throughout the Football League."

FOOTBALL

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recover from a pelvic injury that has kept him out since mid-January and misses Sun-The evening is spiced by the fact that both Leicester and derland's FA Cup semi-final against Norwich at Hillsborplaces

Middlesbrough have not semi-finalists. Portsmouth. won at Filbert Street since has been criticised by his own 1938, but Lennie Lawrence's players for releasing Lee side arrives on the back of five lierling, aged 19. The club's undefeated second division reserve winger was given a free transfer because his way away games. That sequence has included three wins, two draws, and just one goal con-ceded. Middlesbrough have to the first team is blocked by £1 million-rated Darren Anderton, and Mark Chamlet in only one goal in their

last seven League games. Lawrence said: "We defend in numbers away from home because we have to. I tried the cavalier approach in the first part of the season but it didn't work: we won a few but we lost a lost a lot more. Now we've learnt to play to our strengths. We are good at defending when we pull back and we create chances on the "I didn't need to play this

way away from home when I

KENNY Dalglish will be tak-

ing an acute interest in the results from Filbert Street

and the Baseball Ground

The manager of Blackburn

Rovers is well aware that both

Middlesbrough, who play at

bridge United, the visitors at

Derby County, are capable of

pipping Rovers for automatic

promotion to the Premier

Derby are pursuing play-off

League.

was at Charlton Athletic because I had different players. But it would be wrong to think that we set out to play negative football. We don't hoof the ball up the field. We always pass it and we play as

After Leicester, Middlesbrough face a ten-match runin against mid-table and struggling sides.

much football as we are

Lawrence defends tactics

in pursuit of away points

By Louise Taylor

Leicester is our last sixpointer and if we can come back with a win it will be brilliant," Lawrence said. We want to keep our run going to set ourselves up for the final push in the last few weeks. We've got five of the last seven games at home and

we have to make that count." Lawrence's cause has been helped by the prompt recov-ery of Stephen Pears, his goalkeeper, after an operation on a depressed fracture of a

cheekbone. Psychologically, Pears's presence could prove vital in

the next few weeks. While Dalglish has spent £5.4 million after taking over at Blackburn, Arthur Cox, the Derby County manager, has invested £4.5 million — prin-cipally on forwards — Since Christmas. Yet if they lose to Cambridge — the purchase value of whose team is under £250,000 — Derby will be struggling to qualify for the

play-offs in their seven re-maining matches.

Another side hoping for involvement in the play-offs is Swindon Town. They travel to Sunderland, where the diversion of an FA Cup semifinal against Norwich City on Sunday is proving a dangerous distraction for a team now hovering on the fringe of the relegation zone.

Tottenham Hotspur's first division win against Coventry City on Saturday eased their demotion worries, but they could still do with defeating West Ham United at White Hart Lane this evening.

Although West Ham seem almost doomed to the drop, they still managed a 0-0 draw at Leeds United last weekend, and Peter Shreeves, the Tottenham manager, predicted a

"tough game". He is without the injured Thorstvedt, and his place in goal goes to Ian Walker in an otherwise unchanged side.

Shreeves hopes Tottenham's attitude towards defending will have altered though "The down side of beating Coventry 4-3 was our defend-

ing and we have been working on it all week," he said. Southampton, another team of demotion candidates. can press their Premier League claims by prevailing at Everton.

CRICKET

English batsmen find Walsh in demanding form

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

ENGLAND A struggled on a worn pitch and lost five wickers during the morning yesterday as the ball started to keep low on the final day of the third unofficial Test match with West Indies A here. By mid-afternoon England were 150 for seven to stand 186 runs on with three hours remaining.

West Indies, seeking their third successive victory in the series, were without Gibson, who had a strained back. Walsh and Benjamin, though, soon put them in

England's aim to score quickly, with a view to a declaration, was soon dashed by Walsh when they resumed at 47 without loss. He dismissed Bicknell and Ramprakash with successive balls in his second over of the day and had three for 21 from 11 overs when he rested.

Walsh had Bicknell held by Murray, the wicketkeeper, who dived to his left across first slip and then brought one back to have Ramprakash leg-before first ball. At the other end, Benjamin regularly skidded the ball through low and Johnson stood little chance when he was leg-before to him.

Morris was 33 when he edged Walsh to first slip where Best dropped the chance. Morris battled on dourly before Walsh uprooted his off stump. Stephenson was fifth out at 98 when he drove a catch to deep backward point against Benjamin.

Hussain edged his first ball from Benjamin safely in front of first slip and went on to survive four chances. He was dropped twice at short leg and once at long leg and then Benjamin put him down at mid off from the last ball before lunch. Shortly after the interval, Gray bowled Rhodes

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SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Burt claims silver for bright finish

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN TIGNES, FRANCE

THE British men's Winter Paralymic Alpine challenge ended in style yesterday when Richard Burt and Matthew Stockford won silver and bronze medals respectively in

the giant slalom. Burt at last had something to celebrate. Despite winning the bronze medal in the super-giant slalom in the B3 class, he felt he had skied badly earlier in the week. But yesterday both he and his guide, Keith Hockley, felt

hev had at last oot it right Burt, who is partially sighted, found the course to his liking. "It was solid ice all the way down and very fast," he said. "It was like a World Cup course which is great, it proves that disabled people can ski on courses like that."

The Burt and Hockley team is now aiming at the next Winter Paralymics in Lillehammer in 1994, provided they can get sponsorship. For these Games, Hockley has been using an Burt has been relying on a single set of skis and boots for both training and racing. Stockford, too, is hoping to

old pair of Burt's race skis.

find additional funding for Lillehammer. His third bronze medal of the Games came as a surprise. "It's the first time I've finished a giant slalom," he said. "I've always gone for gold before and wiped out." But realising he was safely

in third place after the first ust to sta upright for the second descent and claim the medal. Stockford's new mono skibob has come through the Games and proved its worth but for its designer and builder, Alan Clark, this is only the beginning. The seat on the mono ski can be raised and lowered pneumatically according to race conditions and Clark aims to develop the bob so that it can be adjusted during the race to simulate an

able-bodied skier's action.

VOLLEYBALL

Elite women get \$1 m A WOMEN'S grand prix se- in future after continental

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ries with \$1 million in prizemoney is planned for next year (Roddy MacKenzie writes).

The series, over four weeks in Australia and Asia, will be restricted to the world's eight leading teams, but it is planned to include European and North American teams

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qualifying rounds. A revamp is planned for the

Supercup. George Bulman, the English Volleyball Association national director, said: "We propose to invite two teams from the Continent and two teams from the English first division, in both the men's and women's evenus."

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Youth gets help in the water

Reacher said.

history."

Swimming sponsorship worth about £500,000 was announced yesterday. Esso is continuing its youth support for the sixteenth successive year with a budget of £66,000 for England.

The Kia-Ora ASA awards scheme, designed to ensure all children can swim by the age of 11, was launched.

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Two divisions

Rugby league: The Rugby League Council discusses today proposals for a new twodivision scheme drawn up by the 12 first division clubs plus Sheffield Eagles, Leigh and Oldham.

☐ Trafford Borough, who have won only one league match in the third division this season, face a windingup petition at the High Court in London today.

Drugs challenge

Speed skating: The Dutch skating federation has asked Dr Michael Karsten, who claims he supplied Winter Olympics competitors with anabolic steroids, for a list of the names.

Gardner decides Motorcycling: Wayne Gard-

ner, the former world champion who broke a leg in the Japanese 500cc grand prix last Sunday, said he needed a month before deciding about retirement

James in form

Snooker: Steve James, the world No. 7, beat Terry Griffiths 5-2 to reach the quarterfinals of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters at Goffs, Co Kildare.

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BASKETBALL MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cher-lotte Homets 123, Orlando Magie 112; Nere Jersey Nets 117, San Antonio Spurs 109: Utah Jazz 120, Méwesikee Bucks 100: Golden State Warners 124, Philadel-phia 75ers 106.

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Phicham (Can) bit N Godwin (SA), 8-2, 7-6 SOUTH GAROLUNA: Women's Usun-nament: First round: M Darnels (US) bit G Histgeson (US), 6-1, 6-4, S Martin (US) bit H Kales! (Can), 4-0 and, T Whitlinger (US) bit K Novek (Po), 8-4, 7-5.
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Victor Rabanales, of Mexico. stopped Yong-hoon Lee, of South Korea, in the ninth round to win the vacant World Boxing Council ban-tamweight title in Los Angeles.

Defeat for Canada Canada were beaten 28-14

by Waikato, the provincial side, in the last of their four games in New Zealand

yesterday.

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Taylor's meeting with officials shapes as crucial

THE Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) will make another attempt to resolve its dispute with the Premier League over the players share of the television con-tract at a meeting in Manchester this afternoon. when Gordon Taylor, the PFA chief executive, is expected to meet Premier League

There is much riding on the outcome. Although the strike ballot does not close until Friday, it is already virtually complete, with early reports suggesting an overwhelming majority for strike action if it

In consequence, there was a sizeable amount of sabre rattling, and scare-mongering from the clubs yesterday. Peter Swales, the Manchester City chairman, returned to the fray to suggest that the clubs would end the season immediately if, as expected,

ITV yesterday began to mount its counterattack after

hearing that its offer for cov-

erage of the Premier League

next season had been sur-passed by a joint BBC and BSkyB offer.

Both BBC and the satellite

channel were refusing to re-

veal details of their bid yester-

day, but it is believed to be a

sizeable increase on the ITV

offer, which, with a contribu-

tion from Screensport and promotional and advertising

ackages, took the basic offer

of £18 million a year for four

years to something approach-

is said to exceed that enough

for Sky executives to be fairly

confident yesterday. It is still

less than the proposition by

Total Communications for a

£50 million a year contract for

ten years for a football chan-nel on satellite but that is not

regarded as a serious con-

The BSkyB and BBC deal

ing £22 million a year.

with the Rumbelows Cup fi-nal between Manchester United and Nottingham Forest on May 12. The Football League also

entered the debate, Trevor Phillips, the commercial director, suggesting that the League's showpiece game was not the ideal target for the players to pick. "It could affect our relationship with our sponsors, and the income to be distributed to clubs right through the League."
Phillips said. "This is also the
one game in which the two clubs involved do not get a facility fee, so if television fees are at the base of the argument, it seems the PFA would

be hitting the wrong target."
League officials insisted. however, that the season will be finished, even if it means playing on beyond the closing date. The season will be completed, because relegation and promotion issues have to be finalised. Europe-an qualification is still to be

tender this time round.
A combination of BBC and

BSkyB is serious. If the Pre-

mier League does buy the package, which is far from

decided, the BBC involve-

It is a big blow to ITV, whose bid was simply for exclusive live coverage of 30 games a season, which would

have allowed the BBC to re-

vive the recorded highlights

programme Match of the Day on a Saturday night. The

BSkyB bid takes more match-

es, giving BBC some live

which answers the doubts of

games, a vital component

the big clubs, and their sponsors, about committing them-

selves to a satellite channel

with, immediately, small au-

diences. Involving BBC also

answers any political pres-sures which might otherwise

have surfaced as they did over

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The only drawback, a serious one given that one of the original objects of the Pre-mier League was to help the England team, is that a late end to the season will cut into Graham Taylor's prepara-tions for the European championship in Sweden. That, however, places the ball firmly in the Football Associa-

Portugese offer to Robson

BOBBY Robson is expected in Lisbon next week for talks with Sporting Lisbon which could lead to him taking over

the Portuguese side this sum-mer (Louise Taylor writes). The former England man-ager, who led his country to the semi-finals of the 1990 World Cup, is in charge at PSV Eindhoven but will leave The Netherlands when his two-year contract expires in

Luis Sousa Cintra, the president of Sporting Lisbon, yesterday claimed to have reached agreement with Robson to take charge for the next two seasons. The last time Sporting won the championship was in 1982, under the management of another Englishman, Malcolm Allison. Speaking on Lisbon Radio yesterday, Sousa Cintra said: "There are still some details to be sorted out but, in principle. Robson will be Sporting's coach and will be here for talks with us next week."

Sporting are one of Portugal's three leading clubs, along with Benfica and FC Porto. They dismissed Martinho Peres, their Brazilian coach, earlier this month after some indifferent results.

resolved, and every club has an obligation to its supporters," Andy Williamson, the assistant secretary of the Football League, said. Williamson was equally dis-

missive of a reported threat that ITV would sue the Football League if the Rumbelows Cup final did not go ahead, pointing out that it was out of the League's hands, and so leagally they could not be held responsible. "If the players do boycott the game a week on Sunday, we would have to find an alternative date," Williamson said. "It would hap-pen some time so ITV would have no case anyway -they're not tied to a specific

date in the contract. "The season will be completed and the Rumbelows Cup final will be played. I can't understand suggestions that the FA Cup final will be

In previous seasons, it ha not been uncommon for games to be played after the official closing date. After the Hillsborough disaster, the League championship was not decided until two weeks after the end of the season, and there is no reason to suppose that that could not happen this time.

tion's court.

"The FA should impose their authority on the Pre-mier League and get this mat-ter resolved," Williamson

three months, he started running and so impressed his surgeon, Geoff Koffman, that the pair will run the marathon together for the hospital. "If he doesn't fin-ish, I'll be able to take his

kidney out and give it to somebody else." Koffman

el 10,000 for St James's Hos-pital in Leeds. "Twe been giv-en my life back," he said. "Til repay the debt." Nine months ago, Keith Cooper, aged 23, had a kid-ney transplant at Guy's, hos-pital, London. His mother, Ann, was the donor. After three months he started run-

five years ago when accused of illegal payments. Thanks to the persistence of the British Red Cross in publicising his case, he was able to get out running more often. "My jailers first let me out twice a

permitting, a 16-strong freefall parachuting team from the London Fire Brigade will drop on to Blackheath, band the start-ing flag to Terry Waite and then run the race alongside Moyra Pim, an air crash victim. Two years ago, she suf-fered severe burns covering 30 per cent of her body, in-cluding her face but, thanks to plastic surgeons, her looks have been restored. "They gave me a life worth living." Pim said. RAFT, a charity

then six days," he said. "As my political status increased, so did my exercise periods. I simply don't know what I would have done without my Morning roadwork is a

burden for many boxers but not for Adrian Dodson, a wel-terweight tipped for the gold medal at the Olympic Games in Barcelona. He does stints of between five and ten miles over Parliament Hill Fields. Dodson, who last week

week, then three to four days,



Rivers to cross: Bedford, right, the London marathon official, and Richter, a hostage turned runner, at Tower Bridge yesterday

Runners braced for London ordeal

BY MICHAEL COLEMAN

AS JENNY Wood Allen, from Dundee, an 80-year-old competitor in the coming ADT London Marathon, puts it: "The hardest step is that first one over your doorstep." The motivation that propels the runner's first step out train-ing, regardless of the wea-ther and often against the body's wishes, was brought vividly into focus in London vesteries.

yesterday. Mark Harris speaks through a hole in his lower neck. "Burping, that's how I talk," he said. His voice-box and vocal chords were removed three years ago at the age of 33 because of a rare form of thyroid cancer, then thought to be terminal. They told me no physical exertion of any type, no talkGod, none of that has come about

marathon on television and it was a challenge, even though he "nearly died" on his first training attempt over 300 yards. He persevered and has to date raised £110,000 for St James's Hospital in Leads "Two heart obs."

supporting reconstructive surgery, will benefit from their efforts.

You need motivation when

won the Olympic qualifying series at his weight in Milan, when he triumphed in all his behind Crimestoppers.

lecting for ITV's Helpsquad. Next year. David Bedford. the former world 10,000 metres record holder, will be taking over as London's international race director. which will curb his running opportunities. "This looks like my last chance," he said. Bedford ran the initial race nightclub bet made at lam on race day morning. "The last three miles took 45 minutes," he recalled. He has not raced since. Bedford's target on April 12 will be to raise £250,000 for Community Action Trust (CAT), the charity

and, in London last year,

clocked 3hr 10min. He is col-

Officer's goal, page 26

Savicevic a doubt for Red Star

RED Star Belgrade, the European Cup holders, fear that their captain and playmaker, Dejan Savicevic, will miss tonight's potentially decisive European Cup group A game

against Sampdoria.
The Yugoslav side lead the Italians by one point with two games remaining in the pool and a draw could be enough to secure them a berth in the Wembiey final on May 20.

Savicevic went off early in last week's international between Yugoslavia and the Netherlands with an arm injury which also kept him out of Saturday's league game against Rad. He had a full training session on Sunday but club officials said he was still doubtful for the vital tie against Sampdoria in Sofia. Red Star, forced to play

their home games outside Yugoslavia because of civil strife in the country, are already missing their midfield player, Miroslav Tanjga, and international defender, Ilija Najdoski, due to suspension and can ill afford to lose Savicevic. But they will include in attack, Sinisa Mihajlovic and Darko Pancev who missed the Dutch international defeat because of injury but who scored in Saturday's 2-0 win which

"We will decide who will play after two training sessions at the CSKA stadium." the Red Star coach, Vladica Popovic, said. Sampdoria. who beat Red Star 2-0 at home in the opening game of the semi-final series in November, welcome back the experienced Pietro Vierchowod, who missed Sunday's 1-1

draw at home to Napoli. Sofia police, renowned for their no-nonsense attitude towards football crowds, are preparing for several thousand supporters intending to force their way into the 30,000-capacity Sofia Army stadium, which is already sold out with 18,000 Yugoslavs, 8,000 Italians and 4,000 Bulgarians in possession of tickets.

"But we expect another 10,000 Red Star fans and thousands of Bulgarians to try and storm the stadium," a senior officer said. "Riot and mounted police as well as dogs will be used. We will detain drunk fans at the bor-

der and carefully check all those entering the stadium." A draw in Prague against Sparta will be enough for Barcelona to qualify for the final from group B and the termined to do it in style and

so there can be no doubts," their Dutch full back Ronald Koeman, said. "If you set out for a draw you usually lose." Barcelona, in impressive form in European competi-tion, will be without their suspended Bulgarian forward, Kristo Stoichkov.

Benfica, with only an outside chance of overhauling Barcelona, will still be without their forward, Rui Aguas. against Dynamo Kiev in Lisbon and possibly the midfield player, Vitor Paneira, injured at the weekend.

Aguas, whose back pass in the first match against Dynamo gave the Ukrainian team their winning goal, has not recovered from the serious leg



Koeman: out to win

Anderlecht, three points be hind Red Star, prepared for their tie against Panathinaikos in Athens with

a 7-3 league win over Waregem, but Dutch striker Johnny Bosman, who scored three goals, is suspended. The Ghanaian, Nii Lamptey, injured his ankle during training and is doubtful as is the veteran defender, Michel De Wolf, who is struggling to recover from influenza.

Rafael Martin Vazquez could be Torino's key player in their Uefa Cup semi-final first leg away to his old club, Real Madrid, according to the Italian club's coach, Emilio Mondonico.

Mondonico expressed the hope that Vazquez would recover from injury in time to play. "He may well prove to be the decisive player, for them as much as for us, depending on how much he wants to prove to them and how much his former team mates want to get their own back because of his departure

for Italy." Real Madrid, already be missing their Mexican forward, Hugo Sánchez, with a leg strain, may also be without Emilio Butragueño in attack if he fails a fitness test. (Reuter).

to tour **W** Indies

Cape Town: Brian McMillan, who played a prominent role in South Africa's World Cup cricket campaign, will miss his country's tour of the West Indies, which starts on Friday, a cricket official said here yesterday.

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Peter van der Merwe, the selection committee convenor, said yesterday that Corrie van Zyl, the Orange Free State all-rounder, would replace McMillan, who has a swollen Achilles tendon. The decision was made after Macmillan had his ankle scanned in Cape Town yesterday.

South Africa, who reached the semi-finals of the World Cup. will play a five-day Test match - their first official Test since 1970 because of their isolation over apartheid - and three limited-overs internationals during their three-week stay in the Caribbean.

Van Zyi, who has played for Glamorgan, will be the only member of the team being sent to the Caribbean who was not in South Africa's party for the World Cup in Australasia. (Reuter)

West Indies on top, page 29

Oxford show starting speed

By Mike Rosewell, rowing correspondent

RUPERT Obholzer, last year's president and stroke, made a surprise appearance in the Oxford crew yesterday afternoon in place of Hamish Hume, who has a stomach upset and was rested after an unscheduled light morning outing."Hamish is a bit queasy and Rupert was available." Sieve Royle, Oxford's rowing director, said.

Both Oxford and Cambridge concentrated on stakeboat starts in their main outings yesterday. Comparisons were difficult as conditions for Cambridge, rowing on the flow in the morning. were much calmer than for Oxford, who faced a head wind and waves on the ebb.

Cambridge, in the morn-

ing, undertook 20 strokes off the stake boat twice, followed by a final minute. In the first effort the crew failed, while rating 37, to achieve cover until the seventh stroke. The second 20 strokes showed much more attack and, at 40. cover was achieved in five strokes. The final minute saw Cambridge comfortably covering at 43, and, on a not particularly strong tide, the crew were opposite Thames RC as they easied. Starts were

Oxford confined themselves to three 25 strokes. The first one was uninspired, the crew failing to cover, rating 41, until ten strokes. The second, into the same cross head wind, was a different matter.

clean and controlled.

cover arriving after five strokes at 42 and maintained at three feet as the rate came down to 38. The third was marginally slower.

On yesterday's showing, Oxford could match Cambridge for starting speed in Saturday's Boat Race. The task of manning the

stake boats preventing some 130 stone being wrenched from their grasp — will go on Saturday to Bob Hastings, aged 28. in the Middlesex boat with his brother Geoffrey, and Tom Goodwin, aged 69, in the Surrey boat with his son Kevin. Goodwin has officiated since the mid-

Juries change sail ruling

FROM BOB ROSS IN SAN DIEGO

THE international juries for the America's Cup challenger and defender elimination series have agreed on a new rule to grant redress to a yacht which runs into a sail jettisoned by another.

This follows the patently unfair situation the Swedish team encountered in their match with the Spanish during the round-robin stages of the challenger series. Espana 92, skippered by

Pedro Campos, of Spain, cut free a gennaker which fell overboard as it was being lowered for a mark rounding. Tre Kronor (Gunnar Krantz, Sweden), following closely, ran into the sail and lost four and-a-half minutes untangling it from her keel. While the international

jury for this series sympathised with the Swedes, they could do nothing under the International Yacht Racing Union racing rules to either order a resail or award the race to Tre Kronor. The new rule, written into

> the America's Cup and the remaining stages of the chal-lenger and defender series, permits the on-course umpires to ask the appropriate international jury to consider redress when they are "satisfied that a yacht's finishing position may have been materially prejudiced through no fault of her own by being obstructed by another yacht's equipment not in a normal

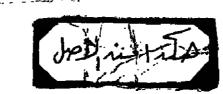
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The international jury for

the challenger eliminations has gone one step further with another rule added to its event conditions: "A yacht shall not jettison any sail unless the sail is unintentionally out of control and is materially interfering with the performance of the yacht."

In the first race of the challenger semi-finals, New Zealand opened with a win over Nippon, of Japan, by one minute 43 seconds.

RESULTS: Progress points (efter day one): Challengers (Lous Vuitton Cup); equal 1, Now Zeeland (R Davis) and I Moro di Venazia (P Cayerd, Ill., 1; 3, Mappan (C. Dictaon, Japan) and Ville de Parle (M Pajot, Fr). O. Detendenz, equal 1, Stars and Stripes (D Carner) and Kerza (W Koch), 2, 3, America's (W Koch), 0.





A day at ITN as its team covers the election war

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TOE or not to E

A work of fiction translation, banning an important, if not vital, part of our communication apparatus, is slowly approaching

fruition. Andy Martin avoids asking its author if it was for Adair

was having tea in the Savoy with a man suffering from an unusual phobia: the way other people are afraid of spiders or mice, he has an unnatural aversion to the letter "e". His name is Gilbert Adair, but he prefers for the time being to be known simply as "Adair".

He had suggested we meet in a hotel in London. It had to be either the Savoy or the Ritz, the Grosvenor and the Dorchester were taboo. A waitress approached to take our order. "Tea or coffee?"

To any other ears the question was inoffensive enough, but of the three words two touched off small explosions in Adair's head. He winced and looked at her as if she should go and wash her mouth out Southong," he replied.

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"Sandwiches – cheese, eggs, cucumber . . ?" "Salmon," he said. "Cream scones?"

'Muffins." Stray wisps of other conversa-tions floated our way. "I have it on good authority ..." Adair automatically edited out the solecism:

"I had it on good authority . . ."

Adair regards the lifth and most commonly used letter of the alphabet with distaste, but is not afflicted - as Roman Jakobson, the great theoretician of language, might have said — with "paradig-

matic aphasia". His vocalic embargo is no merefadish eccentricity: it is an unfor-giving artistic imperative. Like an obsessive method actor who adheres nuthlessly to an off-screen code of omerta to achieve authenticity in the role of tight lipped malioso, Adair is enacting his work in progress: a translation of Georges Perec's La Disparition, a 300-page novel written entirely without e's and omitting the fifth of its 26 chapters. Adair calls the

English version A Vold. Percc. who died in 1982 at the age of 45, was probably the greatest virtuoso of the French language this century. He wrote a 5.000 word palindrome, but is best known in this country for his last compendious novel. Life - A User's Manual, which traces the lives of all the occupants of an apartment block in Paris. The architecture of the book mirrors the layout of the building and the narrative structure is determined by the solution to the problem of how to move a knight around a 100-square chessboard without

landing on any one square twice. Inspired by the experiments of the Oulipo Group ("Ouvroir de la littérature potentielle" — "Workshop of potential literature") and the example of its mentor. Raymond Queneau, La Disparition belongs to the ancient and noble tradition of the "lipogram" (from the Greek, leipo, meaning to leave behind or desert), which draws on an aesthetic of omission, prohibiting a letter or letters from the

linguistic repertoire.

Examples of the genre come down to us from Nestor of Laranda, who rewrote the Iliad, excluding alpha from the first canto, beta from the second, and so on, and Tryphodorus of Sicily, who did something similar with

the Odyssey.

As Perec pointed out in his essay, "A History of the Lipogram", all of us speak in lipograms nearly all the time. Unless I happen to say, The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog", (a "pangram", which con-tains all the letters of the alphabet), I'm necessarily uttering a lipogram every time I open my mouth. So his novel can be seen as simply a methodical extension of the natural order of things. When David Bellos, the transla-

tor of Life - A User's Manual, first approached Adair with the idea of translating La Disparition, Adair rejected it as "impossible". He was still using e's at the time. He considered all the rather useful

He tackles the book for four or five days and then allows himself breaks in which he goes on alphabetical holiday and lets out cries of **`wheeeeee**'

words and phrases he would have to abandon: "the", "he", "she", "we", "they", "there", "one day", "once upon a time". At least Perec could let loose with "la" and "il" if not "le" and "elle". What with 'beginning", "middle" and "end" all having to go, there didn't seem to be much left. It was the ultimate challenge to the translator's art,

But the idea had been planted, and Adair tried out the first few sentences, then the first few pages, and found himself seduced. He took on the job, though, only on the firm understanding that there would be no deadline. "If I had to rush, I might go mad," he said. He tackles the book for four or five days at a stretch and then allows himself short breaks in which he goes on alphabetical holiday and lets out joyous cries of "wheeeeee" and "yippecceee" to get all the accumulated e's out of his system. He started two years ago, and is

two-thirds of the way through. There is a legend that somewhere in the original text lurks an elusive and persistent "e" that Perec, who would wake up nights sweating at the idea, never succeeded in eradicating. In this respect at least it is easier for Adair. "GP had to do without a PC. All I do is push a button and in a flash my Mac says: 'Not found'."

Adair once wrote his own obituary for The Sunday Correspondent, but it died before he did. His early years are the missing "e" of his life, which only really began when he arrived in Paris in May 1968, at the age of 23. Two weeks later the evenements began, with rioting on the barricades. "I had such a utopian, radical vision of Paris," he says. "I thought, 'What took so long?"

He stayed for 11 years and went

native, establishing himself in the Hotel Voltaire where Baudelaire wrote some of Les Fleurs du Mal. Every spring he would wait for another revolution to bloom, and so it did, intellectually at least, in the writings of Barthes, Foucault, Derrida, Lacan. Adair met Barthes once or twice: he would see the great semiotician walking the boulevards of Paris, usually accompanied by adoring disciples, and he would follow him about.

"trying to work out what signs Roland was looking at".

Adair taught English, wrote film criticism, appeared briefly in two films and scripted another in which the hero, Gilbert, is cannibalised (a part eventually played by John Paul Getty III). He returned to England to write at the end of the 1970s but all his books are in one way or another an echo of that time and those texts. The Holy Innocent, his first novel, a reworking of Jean Cocteau's Les Enfants Terribles, was based on his own experiences in Paris. Adair doesn't like it now, perhap: because it is overloaded with e's. The novel he has just completed is called The Death of the Author, borrowing its title from Barthes's famous essay but turning it into a metaphysical thriller.

Trying to compensate for fritter-ing away his twenties, Adair is a self-confessed worksholle. "Iris Murdoch claims to finish a book and start on a follow-up in half an hour. With my books it's only half that." He is on the wagon now.

dair is a writer who is as resistant to conventional mimetic (he calls it "illusionistic") narrative as many readers are to post-modernistic language games and tricks. He sees all his writing as rewriting, an interpretation and critique of another's work. Love and Death on Long Island, his most recently published fiction, is a transposttion of Thomas Mann's Death in Venice. He has also written sexually explicit sequels to the Alice books and Peter Pan. He can become so possessed by a writer that when he parodied Pope in a poem about castration, The Rape of the Cock, he found himself

speaking in iambic pentameters. So he was a natural for the unnatural job of translating La Disparition. In the centre of the



poems rewritten without "e's": thus Baudelaire's Correspondances becomes Accords by "Un fils adoptif du Commandant Aupick". Of these, Adair has retained only Rimbaud's sonnet "Vocalisations" (previously known as "Voyelles"), and has substituted revised versions of "Ozymandias". "The Raven" (now "A Black Bird") and Hamler's entire "To be or not to be" soliloquy. Milton's "On His Blindness" becomes "On His

Glaucoma". Adair is keen to emphasise, however, that A Void is not just a futile tour de force, and contrasts it favourably with its only real competitor in the field of the lipogram. the 1930s novel Gadsby: A Story of Over 50,000 Words Without Using the Letter E by Ernest Vincent Wright.

Perec not only demonstrated that less can be more by enriching rather than impoverishing the language, but also turned the prohibition on e into a compelling narrative. The hero, Anton Voyl, is obsessed by the sense that something — but what? — is missing; then he himself goes missing. The missing "e", the great Unname-able of the text, is a curse hanging over all the characters, who one by one die or disappear as they seek in vain the explanation of their fate. "lt's a symbolic Holocaust story," Adair suggests, "a stylistic dramatisation of loss." His hypothesis is all the more plausible as "e", in French, is phonologically equivalent to "eux", so omitting the "e" is like getting rid of

As if to make up for the rigours of La Disparition, Perec later wrote a sequel called Les Revenentes, in which the "e" made a resounding return, but he vanquished all the other vowels. It is a work in the Roman noir tradition, freely mixing sex and violence, the Marquis de Sade, Proust and the Dictionnaire Robert (the French equivalent of the OED), but leav-

ing out "a", "i", "o" and "u". Right now, Adair is the least qualified man in the world to challenge may become irresistible. Hence, when next we meet we'll enter Bert's beery Greek Street den, defend Perec, yell "Cheers!", chew beef stew, three veg, red

green jelly, sweet crepes, the best

French cheese.

● La Disparition by Georges Perec is published by Denoèl. A Void, trans-lated by Gilbert Adair, is to be published by HarperCollins. The au-thor is lecturer in French at the University of Cambridge, and is at work on a book, Napoleon the Novelist.

A nton Voyl n'arrivuit pas à dormir. Il

LA DISPARITION

alluma. Son Jaz marquait minuit vingt. Il poussa un profond soupir, s'assit dans son lit. s'appuyant sur son polochon. Il prit un roman, il l'ouvrit, il lut; mas il n'y saisissait qu'un im-broglio confus. il butait à tout instant sur un mot dont il ignorait la signification. Il abandonna son roman sur son lit. Il alla à son lavabo: il mouilla un gant qu'il passa sur son front, sur son cou. Son pouls battait trop fort. Il avait chaud. Il ouvrit son vasistas, scruta la nuit.

Il faisait doux. Un bruit indistinct montait du faubourg. Un carillon, plus lourd qu'un glas, plus sourd qu'un tocsin, plus profond qu'un bourdon. non loin, sonna trois coups. Du canal Saint-Martin, un clapotis plaintif signalait un chaland qui passait.

A VOID

neurably insomniae, Anton Vowl turns on a light. According to his watch it's only 12.20. With a loud and langorous sigh Vowl sits up, stuffs a pillow at his back, draws his quilt up to his chin, picks up his who-dunit and idly scans a paragraph or two; but, judging its plot impossibly difficult to follow in his condition, its vocabulary too whimsically multisyllabic for comfort, hurls it from him in disgust. Padding into his bathroom, Vowl dabs at his brow and throat with a damp cloth. It's a soft, warm night and his blood body.

An indistinct murmur

wafts up to his third-floor flat. Far away, a church clock starts chiming — a chiming as mournful as a last post, as an air raid alarm, as an SOS signal from a sinking ship. And, in his own vicinity, a faint lapping sound incraft is at that instant navigating a narrow

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TOMORROW José Carreras and the great tenors

A sliver of low-thwack cheese, please

was interested to read in last but was disappointed. There was Monday's paper that a possible side-effect of low-fat diets is an increase in aggressive behaviour, especially since I have now reached the stage in my own lowfat diet (commenced last August) where I would happily mug somebody for a small sliver of cheese. Aggressive, eh? Take off your classes and say that. It is the sort of story that makes you uncertain; it muddles things up that were previously clear. Was I being aggressive when I forced copies of Rosemary Conley's Hip and Thigh Diet on unwilling friends, instructing them to read it (or else)? I looked back with a sad little smile to the innocent days when I could say that the only drawback to low-fat diets is that they make you quite thin, thus making it difficult to store pencils in the folds

of your torso. But now, it seemed, there was one of those pesky little hormones to be considered — a hormone moreover that refused to be secreted to the brain unless there was sufficient cholesterol around, the upshot of which might be a propensity for violence. "Bastard." I said, involuntarily. I scoured the rest of the paper for supporting evidence (linking murders with Ambrosia Low-Fat Rice Pudding)

no statistical survey showing that the people who knock off policemen's helmets invariably prefer St Ivel Gold to butter in a blindfold test. I suppose we shall just have to sit back and wait for the inevitable confirmation of the story from the American law courts. It can not be long, surely, before the first serial killer is acquired by an American jury on the grounds of diminished responsibility (by reason of cottage cheese). In my own case it is hard to

establish any straightforward cause and effect, since I started the low-fat diet simultaneously with embracing the single life. Any character change, therefore, might certainly be the result of pizza deprivation; but on the other hand, perhaps I have just been unhinged by the burden of sole custody of the cats. The causal borderline is murky. I have noticed, though, that I get extraordinarily jumpy and irrational in the vicinity of high-fat food. For example, the idea of eating crisps now alarms me so much that in Sainsbury's I remove them surreptitiously from other people's shopping trolleys, and scuttle off to hide them in the bin-bag section. The fight against fatty food has become a personal mission. YesterSINGLE LIFE

Lynne Truss muses on the link between diet and violent behaviour



day my next-door neighbour mentioned that she is partial to a spot of camembert and I reacted with such horror that she might have said she enjoyed jumping in front of tube trains to test their braking distance.

The only way to set one's mind at rest. I decided, is to do a bit of independent research. Follow a clamping unit around central London, for example, and offer don't suppose diet is the answer.

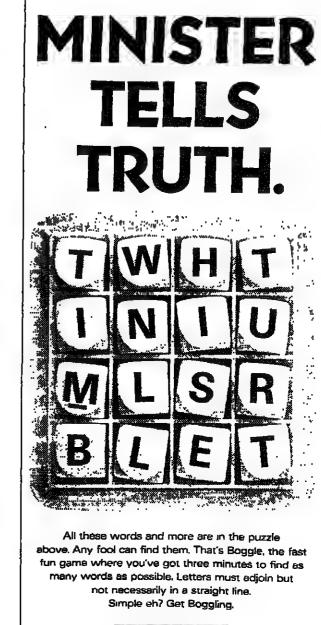
cubes.of lard to people whose cars have just been immobilised. "Do not attempt to move it!" I might chuckle, springing out from behind the clamped car and proffering a platter of Cookeen-on-sticks. I wonder if you would be interested in taking part in a little survey I am doing? I can imagine some interesting results. Or I could attend the check-out in Sainsbury's (surrounded by people saying "Funny, what happened to the crisps?") armed with a tub of lowfat yoghurt and a packet of pork scratchings, so that I can nibble little bits from each, monitoring my reactions. I could stand there with my hand on my head saying

"Which way? Which way?" The check-out is the right place for the experiment because while other people seem undisturbed by the sight of their shopping hurtling serially towards them down the conveyor belt and slamming into a multiple pile-up at the end. I loathe the avoidable frenzy and entertain visions of clonking the check-out lady on the head with a tin of Felix to slow her down. The only trouble is that, what with all the frantic packing and sweating and muttering. I shall probably forget to eat the pork scratchings. I get too worked up. really; and I

the American system of packing the bags for the customer, or the government must relax the gun laws. The question: "Could you work more slowly please?" would pack a lot more punch if backed up by a loaded .45. Last week's article was not only

concerned with violence; it also suggested that low levels of cholesterol could be linked to unsuccessful suicide attempts. Great. Wonderful. First class. I am reminded of the time an editor said to me: "Perhaps you could just be like Dorothy Parker," and I misunderstood. What, keep slashing my wrists and drinking shoe polish? Keep waking up in hospital to hear wisecracking friends say: "You've got to stop doing this, or you'll make yourself ill"? If this low-fat existence offers the fate of Dorothy Parker, perhaps it is time to reconsider. After all, even the exciting prospect of death by spontaneous combustion (which I've always fancied somehow) is less inviting from the low-fat point of view, since one's body would burn for a considerably shorter time than would make the option properly worthwhile.

TOMORROW Private life: John Diamond



EVER BEEN BOGGLED?



THE 3 MINUTE WORD GAME.



LONDON PHILHARMOREC ORCHESTRA: Kult Masur, who has just settled himself into one of the hottest seats in music — music director of the New York Philhammonic — is noted

wew fork Printamonic — is noted thefly for his conducting of manstream Austro-German classes. Therefore a programme of Hindemuth, Gershwin and Chalkovsky may reveal hidden insights. The whadous French planest Cécile Ousset is soloist in Rhapsody in Blue Pesthral Hatil, South Bank, London SE1 (071-978 8800) 7, From (071-928 8800), 7 30pm WAX ACTS: Alan Rickman directs and Bob Crowley designs in a one-woma show written and performed by the inimitable American cornection Wax — in London until Saturday

MALLE: Rising British soprano Amanda Rocarding forms to grant and the first of three concents this week as soloist in Richard Strauss's song-cycle, Four Last Songs. Tadala Otaka also conducts an early work by Strauss, Serenade for 13 nts, Mozart's

Divertimento in D for strings, and Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. Free Trade Hall, Peter Street. LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN: Neil Shoof makes his debut as Hoffmann in John Schlesinger's production of the Offenbach opera rewed for the Royal Opera by Richard Gregson. The poet's three loves are sung by Sumi lo (Offmpha), Leontina Vadura (Artronta) and Arine Howell's (Guidetta), white Samuel Ramy takes on the four willains Lindorf, Coppetius, Dapertinto and Dr Muracle Jeffrey Tate conducts. Royal Opera House, Covert Garden, Landon WCZ (071-240 1066), 7pm.

MANNA KARENINA: FUE 275 minimum runnerman Plus and magnation in Shared Expenience's rewarding version of Totstoy's novel. Tricycle, Lilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000) Mon-Sat, Bjim, mat Sat, John 165 mires for disease.

CTRE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Harlem nightspot. high on energy, low on story freshness. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404/ Mon-Fn, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, nats Wed, 2 30pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins

THE CHACKWALKER: Urban

swagery in Ontano, inderice, abuse, gnefi, strong stuff, served straight. Gets. Prince Albert Pub, Pembridge Road, Will (071-229 0705). Mon-Sat, 7,30pm 150mms.

E) DANGING AT LUGHNASA: Brain Friel's Officer Avend-memora memor

Friel's Giner Award-winning memory-play, set in Thirties Doniegal Garvide, Channig Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mgn-5at, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 150mins

ETHE OARK MVIII: Accomplished rewal of Rodney Achtend's 1937 drams, naivety and nostalgia in an England disting towards war. Orange Ties, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633), Mon-Sat. 7 45pm, mat Sat. 4pm, 165mms.

M Orath AND THE MAIDEN: Mist Steverson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superb in Anel Doriman's Chilean

political drama. Best play of 1991

Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 51221 Mon-Sir, Born, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mins.

DIGGING FOR FIXE: A drunben

Li DiffGMM PUN FINE: A oruneon requern for modern reland by Declan-Hughes, a savoge indictment but upirtongly played Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (061-743 3385) Mon-Sat, 8pm.

bors of clever women, expert in spell but emotionally troubled Refreshing play by Lee Blessing, subtly actual Greenwich Studio, Prince of Cirange 189 High Road, SC10 (081-658 2862). Tutts-Sun, 8pm 90mms

An eventing with GARY LINEXER: Sometimes drail look at the famesies of a Instrated woman

marned to a soccer rul. Duchess, Catherne Street, WC2 (071-

NEW RELEASES

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

ORFEO: Powerful performance from English National Opera in a revival of David Freeman's admired production of David Preeman's admired productor the Monteverdi opera, one of three works the season which draw inspiration from Greek myths and literature. Anthony Rolfe Johnson returns in the lead, Mane Angel is Eurydice and Sally Burgess the Messenger: nich designs by Hayden Carlos Liver Bicket conducts. Gmfin Harry Bicket conducts. Collseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7-30pm.

MENSON WHEN S NOW HE IN TOUR Pomper was caught like a fly in amber, but that does not mean that nothing changes now. Since the last Pompen ethiction in London, excusation has continued, techniques have been revolutionised, and all kinds of new discoveries have been made. This new show not only contains many of the exception works of air found on the sex snow for only contains than you be important works of art found on the site, but gives the world an absorbing progress report on the future of the past. No wonder it broke all attendance records on one of its previous tour stops. Accademia Italiana, 24 Rutland Gate, London SW7 (071-225 3474) Dally,

10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), opens today until June 21 SVEN BERLIN AT 80: Always the stormy petrel of the St lives artists, often at loggerheads with leading figures like Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hapworth,

Weber but not Lloyd Webber. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399), Mon-Frl, 7.30pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, Spm. 150mins.

Edinburgh fringe first award. New Vic Studio, King Street, Bristol (0272 250250), 7.30pm.

customer as ever, and still an ariest and writer to reck on with. This mini-

retrospective of paintings, sculpture and drawings underlines the addity and the

serious communent to art. Belgrave Gallery, 22 Masons Yard, London SW1 (071-930 0294) Mon-Frt, 10am-Spm, opens today until April 23.

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE

THEATRE As part of the Spring Loaded festival, LCDT presents the culmination of a seven-week choreographic workshop programme in which company members have created new works on their fellow dencers.
They Roan Theatre, 17 Dulle's Road, London WC1 (977–387 0031), 3mm.

London WC1 (071-387 0031), apm DON'T ROCK THE BOAT: Holdaying

on a barge, a property developer local councillor unwisely discuss business in a new play by Rubin Hawdon Opening night. Redgrave Theatre, Brightwells, Famham (0252 715301), 8pm.

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY:

The season opens with Amanda Harits and Amon Lesser in The Tarting of the Shrew, heading a new cast in Bal Alexander's brillians touring production

Opening night. Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Auon (0789 295623).

THE INSTOL OLD VICE BORNAL E. Opening night of Bodycount, a new one-worner play by Les Snith, based on the true story of a Vietnamese peasant wrongs who survived the My Lai massacre of 1968. The play won an Edinburnol hope first award.

tal title Policies Foreign Street, with Middle Middle Might's Dream, with Mile McShane and Savdi Toksaig Dedicated fars only.

Albary, St Martin's Lane, WCZ (071–867 1115). Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, San, 3pm 135mbrs. THE POORET URBANT FOORS

C) 10ME LAKE IT HOT! But What we get is takeworm. Tomany Steele in poor musical version of the film. Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 1071-734 8951), Mon-Sat, 7.4Spra, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm, 163mins. STRAIGHT AND MARRISM olas Lynchurs and Carmel MicShitt

Wyndharn's, Charing Cross Roed, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm, majs Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 130mms. CI A THORPTE TO THE BLUES IMOTHERS: Lively parade of sureful oldies. Good fun. Whiteshall, Whiteshall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Pri, Set, 6.15pm and 9pm, 120mms.

Ticket information from SWET

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessmen of current theatre showing in London III House full, returns only II Some seate evallable Some seam evailed

Seats at all prices

PROM 4 TACK TO A KING: Withy and stylish version of Macbeth's climb to the top, set in the world of roof bands and packed with Sorbes songs Boulevard, Waller's Court, off Peter Street, WI (071-387 2661 after Zorn), March 25 15 Con En Josephson 18 (1500) En Josephson 2015 Mon-Sat, 8.15pm, Fri late show, 10 30pm, mat Sat, 6pm. 90mins. S GOWNENGHAST: THE DING GIR

SMC, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill. SWI 1 (071-223 2223). Tues-Sat, Spin, Sun, Spin, 155mms. Final week. C GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Satisfying musical oxiderating Fifthes and Strikes pop classors. Great staff Playthouse, Northumberland Avenue (071-839 4401) Mon-Thurs, April, Fri., Sat, 5-30pm and 8-30pm, 135mms. HEARTHEAR HOUSE: Paul Scrifeld and Vanessa Redgrave head Trevor Hunn's splendid cast in Shave's timeless, state-of-England drama, Thautre Royal, Haymarkist, SW1 6071-930 8800), Mon-Sat, 7,30pm, mais Wed, Sat, 2,30pm, 225mms.

THE MADRIESS OF GROWER III.

Algo Hawthorne is very fire as a striction lung, but as a whole. Alan Bennett's play does not question. South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Srt, 7.30pm, nur Sat, 2 15pm. 170mins PI MOBY DICK: A gris' school puts on a fund-raising show Yony Monopoly plays a headmistress playing Captain Ahab Beached musical. Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (07)– 857 1118), Mon-Sal, Spm., mats Tues, Sat 40m 135mirs.

Emmanuelle Séart, Jane Birkin Cheisea (071-351 3742/3743) Marro (071-437 0757) Rengir (071-837 8402).

BUGSY (18): Warren Beatty as the gangster who invented Las Vegas. Sleek, setty, dazzling to behold. Starring

1990), Qazziniy Dortoka, Starray Annetie Bennig, director, Barry Livinson. Camden Parkway (071-257 7034) MGM Chelses (071-352 5056) Odeoras; Keralington (0426 914666) Leicester, Square (0426 91568) Screen on Balter Street (071-935) 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 9332)

a CAPE PEAR (19) Demonic D-con Robert De Niro terronies Nich Nohe and family. Martin Scorsee's ferobous remale of a classic revenge thiliter With Josea Lange, Julette Leviti. Camden Parkwey (071-267 7084) Empire 1071-497 9999) MGM Baiter Street (071-497 9999) MGM Baiter Street (071-395 9772) MGM Trotadene (071-434 0031) Withbelleys (071-792 3352)

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONIQUE

(15) Proyectof Kreisbergh's brillandy
filmed conundrum about two gets (one
Polish, one French) who seem to share a

life With treme Jacob, Philippe Volter
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

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FRIED GREEN TOMATOES AT THE
WHISTLE STOP CARE (12)* Heartwarming lives of feesy folls down
South Shallow, but ingratating, With
kuthy Bates, Jessaca Tandy, Mary Stuart
*/Asserson; chrector, Jon Awres
Notting Hall Coroner (071-727 6705)
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Kensington (0A26 914666) Screens on
Balant Street (071-935 2772)
Whitosleys (071-792 3332)

HIGH HIELS (18) Lukewarm, talkative melockama of family secrets from Span's Pedro Almodóvar. With Victoria 002T-35J 509@ Gate (071-727 4043) Lum

 PREBLACK (115), Emilio Estevez is indiapped into the future for a mind transplant. Depressing high-tech adventure, with Mick, tagger, Ambony Hopkurs, Director, Geoff Murphy MigM Fullham Road (071-370 2636) MigM Maybarker(et (071-636 0310) MigM Amademy (071-636 0310) MigM Torachimo (071-436 0310) MigM Torachimo (071-436 0310)
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LA BELLE NOISEUSE (15), Jacques Riverto's hypropic exploration of a faunter and his model, straggling to complete an abandoned canvas. Close to a masterpage. Wigh Michel Piccob.

CINEMA GUIDE Canada secones a hars fusion. Accomplished, but unedifying, Wild Manuel Blanc, Emmanuelle Blant, director, André Téchné. MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where Indicated with the symbol +) on release across the country

JEK (15): Olver Store's contentions, electrifying, three-hour drama about the Kennedy assassington. Kenn Costner as crusaling D.A. Jem Garmson, a busting supporting cet.

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LIGHT SLEEPER (15): Luguistious elegy to the Eightes drug steine from writer-director Paul Schnader, party saved by Willem Dafoe as a lorner stumbling towards redemption. With Susan Swander.

Savandon. Curzon West End (071-439-4805). THE PRINCE CT TIDES (15): How specially specially servers in the property servers in the standard coach face larmly servers in santon, grapilly acted by Neck Nobe. Barbra Seresand directs and co-stars, but lais to snot servers and co-stars, but lais to snot servers and co-stars, but lais to snot servers and servers and co-stars, but lais to snot servers and server

RAISE THE RED LANTERN (PG): Zhang Yanou's sustere, quiedy dazzing drama of a concubre's struggles in Twenties China With Gong L. Metro (U71-437 0757) Mosting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Renoir (071-837 84027.

a Skinning Throcusch (15): Couleri, preposterous warning drame, with Melanie Griffith spying for the U.S Government in Berlin, Stats Michael Douglas, director, David Seltzer.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Octoons: Kensington (0426 914666) West Bad (0426 915574).

THEATRE

Logic fails a libertine in love with illusion

TWO previous plays by Dic Edwards have had reputable productions in Cardiff and Leicester. To judge by the published collection (Oberon Books) that includes this new work, and comes with the dubious accolade of a strikingly turgid recommendation by Edward Bond, Glasgow has drawn the short

STORY. The earlier pieces set their discussions of socio-political issues in the Greece of the Colonels and in an English prison camp during a world war. Casanova Undone is as historical as its title suggests, with all the ambiguity that an archaic setting brings with it. Symbolic? A fantasy? The literal

truth? The uncertainties are echoed by the fact that Casanova's benchman (who, equipped with a false penis, warms up his aged and decrepit master's chems for him) is played by an actress, who assumes her female identity a long way into the action. Are we meant to realise from the beginning? Is Casanova meant to know? The elaborately set-up plot — the ancient roue's favours are demanded by a former conquest in an attempt to renew her youth - thickens and clots the drama even further with more impersonations and ambivalences. For a play set in the Ville lumière during the Enlightenment, motivation and message are

remarkably fogged.

Robert David MacDonald's production in the Citizens' intimate (70-odd seats) Second Theatre makes a virtue of constraint. A central bed, replaced by a dining table, is flanked by chairs, a dressing table and the sidekick's cheruical apparatus. This cuts out the script's postulated bath where the two female characters get to know each other - no great loss - and engenders a claustroCasanova Undone Citizens, Glasgow

phobic atmosphere to contrast with sounds of Paris's post-Revolution Terror waited in from outside a curious echo of the shelter, itself seething with corruption, from plague stricken London in The Alchemist.

The production does nothing to clarify the tangled moral threads beyond making a vaguely feminist point. But Roberta Taylor's herichman-turned-woman-adopts a female role for domestic chores when, according to the script, she should still maintain the sexual blurning with a masculine look.

The principal message to emerge is the power of illusion, or rather self-delusion, in setting social and emotional boundaries. On closer inspection this seems to refer to masculine superiority. Even sex, it seems to say, is

yond men. But even fantasy requires some sort of logical consistency. Can we really believe, for instance, that the construction of a dildo has to be minutely described, when Casanova's apartment already boasts a collection of such sturdy aids? The three players sail on regardless, with Siobhan Stanley confirming the good impression of her Summer Lightning last month. As the arch-libertine, the fastidious Tristram Jellinek enunciates like a Gielgud and. in the role of a man who likes his meat red and his cheese putrescent and can impregnate a woman just by talking to her about sex, is as convincing as his distinguished colleague would be in similar circumstances.

MARTIN HOYLE



Sailing on regardless: Siobhan Stanley and Tristram Jellinek

CONCERT

Classic recipe

LPO/Wigglesworth Festival Hall

MARK WIGGLESWORTH took. himself into another aspect of the conductor's profession when he joined the London Philharmonic Orchestra for its hugely popular "Classics for Pleasure" series, given in association with National Westminster Bank. Audiences in their thousands respond to solid mutritional fare, here with adequate musical protein from Brahms. carbohydrates in plenty from Rachmaninov, and a touch of the

Mussorgsky.
His prelude to the opera which has made even BBC announcers blanch, Khovanshchina, is effectively a short tone picture of sunrise over the Moscow River. The orchestration Shostakovich made of it in 1959 contrived a beguiling pictorial impression deftly

coloured in this performance. Anthony Marwood then stepped forward as the romantic personification of the solo violinist in the Brahms

AMONG the raft of new groups

currently plying noisy, guitar-driven "alternative" rock, Curve is by far the

most alluring prospect. Steered by people older and perhaps a little wiser

than its contemporaries, the band is the brainchild of Dean Garcia (33), formerly a session player with Euryth-

mics among others, and Toni Halliday

(27), a singularly photogenic singer in the rock vamp tradition of Sioussie.

Gaye Advert and former Sister Of Mercy, Patricia Morrison.

On stage, attention gravitated to-wards the black-haired, black-clothed

Halliday, or what could be seen of her

among the rolling banks of "dry ice". Visibility was further impaired by a

blinding light show.

Concerto, all flowing locks and slenderly curving body language. He and the conductor set up the work's opening movement as cautiously sentimental mood-music, almost lullaby time for much of its course, in which even the soloist's cadenza was accomplished with more thought to charm

than to dazzle. In this and the following movements, the violinist gave a copybook account of the notes, with seamless ione in all registers but only limited imagination in the manner of their physing. The finale was energetic but not terribly propulsive, so that one came through to the end wondering why some latent intensity was still waiting to be generated.

No effort was spared in Rachmaninov's Second Symphony, replete with the exposition-repeat in a overlapping searches by a conductor sufficiently sure of himself to need no score. He struck a fine balance between sentiment and sensibility, never overplayed the music's emotional charge, but ensured that a wealth of inner orchestral detail could be heard and savoured to help prevent relentlessly overworked ideas from seeming merely long-winded.

Quirky collage

Diversions The Place

DIVERSIONS, which bills itself as the National Dance Company of Wales. certainly aims to divert. For its rare London showing (in The Place's Spring Loaded season) the eightstrong group presented a programme of American choreography. We could enjoy the determined liveliness, but bridle at a quirkiness that lurked almost everywhere.

The pièce de résistance, and the

most satisfying, was Bill T. Jones's History of Collage Revisited. Even given that its structure fulfils the form of a collage, the beginning had you wondering where it was heading, especially when the cast started discarding parts of their dress. The accompanying word-play text by Charles Amirkhanian and ballet-inspired poses had no evident connec-tion. But the dissociated layers, the continual changes of costume, the NOEL GOODWIN lights shifting between blue neon, dappled moonlight and a star-studded

sky, worked their magic. By the end we had received a picture of the multiplicity of the world, its sexual stereotypes, its art, its violence. Jerry Pearson's Vernacular Rhythms

and Classical Deviations also had a fragmentary format, with a hammy start that left you uncertain as to whether you could titter or not. However, it then became clear that comedy was on the choreographer's agenda: we were being offered something bright and breezy and profoundly lightweight. Ballet spoots rubbed shoulders with non-dancerly movement. One sequence transformed the four cygnets' dance from Swan Lake into gesticulations. Several passages were devoted to percussive hand movements, with slaps and sharp semaphoring orchestrated to increasing

rhythmic complexity. Here, as elsewhere, the dancers worked too hard. In Never Enough by Danial Shapiro and Joanie Smith they exchanged fierce looks, chucked plates about, carried dolls and climbed on chairs and tables in an endless evocation of domestic rituals and strife. Most of the unmemorable movement resembled naturalistic mime, as though in a silent film. The piece went on and on: Never Enough was too much.

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As oily patterns writhed on the backdrop and yawning black holes loomed endlessly without ever getting closer, bursts of coloured tracer fire erupted from both sides of the stage, and a bank of flickering strobes further jarred the senses. Lurching out of this misty mêlée, like figures going over the top in some odd form of trench

warfare, was a steady stream of stagedivers members of the audience hauling themselves up and then leaping off the monitors on to the sea of

heads in front of the stage. The most remarkable aspect of the performance was the way in which Curve combined screeching guitar noise with an almost anodyne sense of melody. With their instruments forever teetering on or over the brink of feedback, guitarists Alex Mitchell and Debbie Smith produced a thin, trebly,

distortion-frayed tone, while drummer Steve Monti supplied a locomotive rhythmic bedrock. Rising above the neurotic, string-sawing noises, Halliday's voice took on a supernatural grace, thanks in no small part to the skilful deployment of echo and delay effects.

The combination of rogue frequen-cies, carefully veiled melodies and such a sustained bombardment of visual effects all crushed together like fruits in a blender produced a strange and vivid magic. Somewhere on the cusp between stimulating and hypnotic, sinister and entrancing. Curve is a definite maybe for the Nineties.

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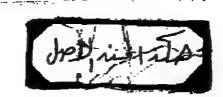
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Architecture: Marcus Binney reports from Japan on some daring and spectacular new buildings

Beautiful visions have a price

rchitectural masterpieces are now appearing in Japan by the dozen each year: adventurous in design, imaginative in detail and exquisite in finish. Japan is the richer for recruiting outstanding talent from abroad, from Britain, France, Italy and Switzerland. All this is in utter contrast to the glass boxes and concrete slabs of the previous quarter century, which were as anonymous and depressing as any-Where in the world

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Yet Japan's amazing building boom has been achieved at hideous cost to the natural environment, gobbling up rainforests at a scarcely believable rate. That is a point which Japanese construction companies, keen to promote a greener image, are seeking urgently to address.

For sheer grandeur, the best place to begin an assessment of modern Japanese architecture is Tokyo's new Metropolitan City Hall, the Notre Dame of the skyscraper world. The exterior, designed by Kenzo Tange, is set back in stages, in the manner of New York's Rockefeller Centre, but towards the top the twin towers are rotated 45 degrees, revealing cylindrical cores and creating the effect of giant belfries.

It is built by what the Japanese call the "superstructure" construction method. Instead of the usual grid of steel, rising floor by floor, there are a few gigantic pillars, grouped in fours at each corner, and 'superbeams" every ten floors: so huge they fill a storey.

As a result, vast clear spans can be created within. The main public concourse runs the width of the building and is seven storeys high, if the open basement is included. There is a generosity with public space rarely seen since the great railway termini. Take the express lift to either of the public observation towers and you are once again in a vast space, surmounted by a soaring dome. By contrast, the granite-clad exterior is so intricate, like Japanese basketweave, that it is hard to tell one

storey from another. Next stop is Sir Norman Foster's Century Tower, built for a Japanese publisher, who is so pleased he has commissioned two further buildings from Foster. The design is a and the Japanese construction silhouette that resembles a company Obayashi, which has nearly 1,000 architects on its staff and some 8.000 engineers. The best way to enter the building is via the car park. Emerging from the lift you gain the full effect of Foster's engineering conjuring trick, a

high-rise building without the traditional core, a glass cathedral where you can look out of the building in any direction: above, in front or to the sides.

The quality of light and sense of space is breathtaking. in engineering terms the ultra-stringent Japanese building regulations (stringent because of the danger of earthquakes) in a building with a full-height central atrium, overlooked by office floors

with open balconies. Foster's solution is characteristically high-tech: a single, barely visible, toughened glass firescreen laid horizontally across the atrium and a pressurised air system, which prevents it from becoming a chimney and blows the smoke out of each floor of offices in an

Foster's leitmotiv is a series of giant K braces laid sideways, stacked one above the other. As the arms taper, they have a distinctly Oriental look, suggestive of the entrance to a Japanese shrine. Foster's interior is character-

istically monochrome: pearl grey, dove grey, elephant grey, huge water tables in black Zimbabwean marble, as smooth as mirrors, provide wonderful reflections, al-though incautious visitors regularly dunk their briefcases in the water. On either side the water flows in a perfect curtain over textured black walls which turn white with the reflections of the sky above.

To ring the changes, go next. to Tokyo's new Port Terminal. designed by Minoru Takeyama, living proof that Post-Modernism, with its brilliant play on colour and geometric shapes, is alive and flourish-ing, for all the repeated pro-nouncements of its "death" in

nce again, the livery is grey set off by flashes of scarlet. Externally the entire building is conceived as a staircase, with steps laid in a chessboard pattern of grey and black stone. inside, the pyramid is an airy new restaurant, with tables stepped down in terraces so everyune has a view of the harbour.

The ultimate in Post-Modernism is the Yamato Internabuilding, with a series of puffball clouds. It is a composition like a series of stage scenes, set one in front of the other. The building, a huge clothing warehouse, is designed to be seen from one point of view, where the douds step up in a series of alternat-

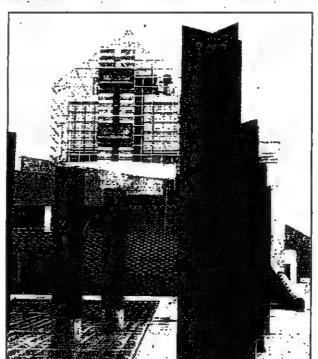


The Nôtre Dame of the skyscraper world? The central towers of Tokyo's new Metropolitan City Hall, by Kenzo Tange, resemble belfries

ing curves. Silver cladding combined with frosted glass, give it a surreal quality.

Some of Tokyo's smartest new buildings are multi-level blocks of fashion shops. The Tokyo Design Centre, by Mario Bellini, is a variant of Michael Grave's Post-Modernism, all pastel colours and square windows. What gives it drama is the outdoor "Scala Regia Stair" ascending diagonally through the building and inviting one to explore. At the top is a larger-than-lifesize statue of a horse. Behind it, by clever planting. Bellini creates the illusion of a hillside, with steps petering out into woodland

The one new building I took strongly against was in Kyoto, a vast pensioners' condominium called the Life Inn. Outside it is a cascade of identical zig-zag balconies, curiously de-signed so that not a single window can be seen. At the back of the entrance hall you look out at a spectacular waterfall channeled down the hillside. These contrived waterfalls are one of the wonders of Japanese interiors, planted



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with fantastic tropical luxuriance, but at the Life Inn not a living fern or leaf is to be seen. only hard rock and painted

Japanese architects work miracles with concrete sur-faces. My favourite is Fumihiko Maki's municipal gymnasium in Tokyo. The ow, tapering cylindrical walls give it the shape of a giant salad bowl. What animates it and changes it into a giant manta ray is the layered silver roof. The illusion is helped by the narrow bands of windows beneath the lip of the roof, like so many bared teeth.

contrast to the rough British variety. Japanese concrete is as smooth as lacquer. Yet this smoothness has a terrible price. In Japan concrete is set in wooden panels or frames, made from South Pacific rainforest trees. In Japan, 20 per cent of imported wood goes to make these frames for concrete. They are dumped after being used at most three times.

According to an article in

ARTS BRIEF

Play black

PERHAPS now we can be sure that South Africa is changing. From today the Musicians' Union in Britain is ending its ban on members working in South Africa - a boycott which has been in force since the mid-Fifties, and which was continued last year despite the general lifting of sporting and cultural boycotts elsewhere. However, the MU still advises its members stemly that "purely commercial engagements" in South Africa will be discouraged": British musicians are expected to do raising work for black communities when in South Africa.

Second chances

HOW good were the flops of the great Broadway tune-smiths? The Barbican may provide a partial answer when, each Sunday afternoon this summer, semi-staged performances of neglected musicals will be given on the stage of Cinema 1. Rodgers and Hart's last collaboration, By Jupiter, opens the season (Sundays in May), followed in June by the Arthur Schwartz Dorothy Fields show A Tree Grows in Brooklyn. Cole Porter's Jubilee will be performed in July, with One Touch of Venus - the collaboration between Kurt Weill and Ogden Nash - in August. Each musical will be performed uncut, to piano accompa-

Cash afoot

BRITAIN's independent dancemakers have received a huge boost from the Arts Council: the 1992-93 allocation for independent dance projects has been increased by 92 per cent to £729.114 in 1992-93. Among the main beneficiaries are Arc Dance Company, with £35,000 to tour a new production based on the story of Bluebeard: Laurie Booth, with £34,000 for new work collaborating with sculptor Anish Kapour, and Vidusaka-Kalika, a festival of contemporary South Asian Dance, which gets £40,000 for events in London. Liverpool and Leicester.

Last chance . . .

PAINES Plough's atmospheric, bilingual production of Down and Out In Paris and London, which wrings memorable theatrical images out of Orwell's wry sociological commentary, leaves the Riverside Studios (081-748 3354) on Saturday. Anna Furse will non-professionals for her crowd scenes in Glasgow. where the show continues. before proceeding appropriately to Paris.

THEATRE: PREVIEW

Making sure Eliza is a good girl

Trances Barber reckons that she has had to learn three accents to play Eliza Doolittle in the new National Theatre Pygmalion. There is the flowerseller's Cockney: then the uneasy, carefully articulated transition to drawing room acceptability; and finally natural-sounding "received pronunciation", or RP. Meanwhile, on other evenings she slips into a Texan drawl and becomes Maxine in Tennessee Williams's The

Night of the Iguana. When she feels secure with an accent she can "put it in a box to be opened with the dressing room key". Such confidence. Barber says, she could not have managed without Joan Washington. Washington, the National's

accent coach, has been the power behind the speech in numerous productions, including A View from the Bridge and the current Angels in America. She is a trained phonetician and could have held her own with Pygmation's Professor Higgins himwif, while he boasts of being able to distinguish 130 vowel sounds, she can manage 124.

Like Higgins, too, she can tell one London accent from another "The South tends to be more nasal, more sibilant than the North and East." While Washington is quite au fait with the jargon of phoneties ("more friction in the plosives") and knows her Sweet and Daniel Jones, the phoneticians on whom Shaw based Higgins, she seems not be separated from charac-

How do you produce the fractured vowels of Eliza in Pygmalion? Heather Neill goes to the Royal National Theatre for guidance



Coach parked: Joan Washington in the Royal National Theatre's Olivier auditorium

happier with a more descriptive language of her own.

"Americans tend to be more front-footed in their speech, following through to the end of the sentence. The English are generally backfooted. more apologetic: they pitch twiddle' to show they've stopped, while Americans invade space with voice as well as body." But however helpful the generalisations, voice canter. "If the accent is right, the is rarely heard now, and RP

movement will be, too." Washington likes to be involved from the beginning of rehearsals, and would not graft accent on when the rest of the work has been done: what she describes as "bandage jobs". Her tape library is expanding constantly. For Pygmalion. it was a case of finding and recording the oldest speakers available. The

has gone through various fashions too. Both, says Washington, have become more nasal. Cockney was more dynamic, with people "offering" ends of phrases. "Offering" suggests an invitation to

An actor acquiring an accent goes through much the same process as Eliza does. First, find the point of tension. Cockney current before 1914 which may be in the jaw (as in Cockney), the lips or the tongue. Disconcertingly, as if it is designed to keep out social climbers. RP is the only accent that does not have one. This, says Washington..makes it the hardest of all to learn.

aving placed the sounds correctly, the student has to acquire the "tune" of the accent. Eliza tailored her vowels and consonants to RP requirements when she visits Mrs Higgins for tea, but she is still unsure how to make them work together naturally. Her first two sentences, stuffed with meteorological information. are in fact designed to practise the "i" sound in "island" and the "a" in "change". Among consonants, the lack of initial "h" and the "th" mispronounced "f" will have presented most problems.

Washington and Barber admire Eliza's spirit. She remains essentially unchanged by her transformation. Washington: "Eliza learns not only to assimilate RP but to use it to project Eliza. She is a clear match for Higgins." For Barber, Shaw gives the actress everything she needs to build the character. "How somebody speaks tells you how a character should be played. Eliza is a prototype feminist. learning as she goes. It's there in the writing: you unpick the stitches at your peril."

● Pygmalion is in preview from Friday, opening April 9 at the Olivier, Royal National Theatre (071-928 2252)

TELEVISION REVIEW

the Japanese magazine Indu-

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Hallo, hallo, what's all this?

thing, it would likely discover that the making of successful television detective fiction needs oddball characterisation in the main role and a strong sense of location. Bergerac and Jersey, Columbo and Los Angeles are examples of television longevity achieved on a diet of quirkiness and geographic flavour under-

pinned by high-libre writing. If this is so, the novels of John Harvey are promising ground for adaptation. His detective-inspector. Charlie Resnick, fond of jazz and exotic sandwiches, carrying some moral baggage not always glimpsed in portrayals of policemen (or indeed in policemen, full stop), carries hope of a substantial television experience beyond reliance on mere

So Resnick came to BBC 1 last night with some chance of being a winner, albeit shoved down the reak time tunnel by the election coverage. Resnick is a modest number in terms of length, one story in three episodes, but with a hint that

f Mori ever polled such a Resnick may return for greater exposure later. I hope so. The setting is Nottingham-

shire, no mean literary county (Lawrence, Sillitoe), although as with the Bristol setting of Casualty, the relevance of the environment is more to do with tone and accent than geography. Resnick is a copper with a

conscience, involved with a seamy child abuse case and a squalid murder, the two running in parallel and woven together via a social worker to whom Resnick takes a shine. Perhaps "shine" is too frivolous a word to apply to a lugubrious character with hooded eyes which carry more questions than answers.

The title role is beautifully underplayed by Tom Wilkinson. If real life strayed into the portrayal, Wilkinson could afford to be less gloomy. He has lately graced two serials, the excellent Underbelly and the superb Prime Suspect. This third Wilkinson excursion does not have the brutal edge of either of the others and the photography is alarmingly obsessed with rapid cutting between one close-up and the next: now a face, now a row of paint tins in a shop, next another face, now a suspect urinating down a policeman's leg. This editing has become a television fashion accessory. which some will find enhances the body of the work, but which I think diverts anention

The first episode was a neat wind-up for the two to come and clearly something in Resnick's past is about to be brought out of the woodwork by several things in his present. For all the swiftness of the editing, this is slow-burn drama in which careful characterisation sets down the markers for plot development. Wilkinson's thoughtful Charlie Resnick will undoubtedly attract comparisons with Inspector Morse, though the latter would not be caught dead listening to jazz. If he was, rely on Resnick to worry out the cause of death, with just as much style.

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Heading towards a retreat

Valerie Grove finds out why Averil Burgess is quitting as headmistress of South Hampstead High School for Girls

he headmistress has had enough. Never mind that her school is in the top ten of the league table, and sends girls sailing into Oxford and Cambridge. Averil Burgess, head of South Hampstead High School for Girls for the past 18 years, announced to the parents last week that she is giving up the daily tyranny of school life, at only 53. "I've spent a third of my life in this job and I'm clapped out." is

how she put it to one enquirer, though she looks far from "clapped out", cutting a chic, energetic and in-command figure.
But to be at her desk at 7.45 every

morning, crisp and coiffed, requires unrelenting effort, and Mrs Burgess — a Miss Brodie to her crème de la crème - has come to one of those 1990s life-choices.

Having achieved the pinnacle of her profession, she realises that all she really wants is freedom and

Friends who The amount have taken early rethrement are a cor-rupting influence: we do grows such charmed lives. and grows ... So she stepped up nothing gets the mortgage pay-ments, and her little Georgian house in taken away' Highgate village is almost paid for.

She has 33 years' unbroken pension payments be-hind her. "So I can now afford to go," she says, "while people still say, 'How frightful,' and not: 'Good-ness, she's been there a long time.'" The South Hampstead girl has

not changed much. The school which produced Fay Weldon, Julia Neuberger, Helena Bonham Carter (and before that Glynis Johns. Angela Lansbury, Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies) still encourages

I was there the other day for a careers forum and can report that they are typical contemporary young women who flick their hair from side to side and fling a cool, challenging gaze upon the world.

"On my second day here," Mrs Burgess says, "we had our prize giving. The next day I had a very irate Susannah Tomalin, daughter of Claire, in my office saying, 'I want to make a complaint and it was about the singing of 'Let us now praise famous men'. We had a fascinating conversation about the self-image of women, and feminist

And the headgirl then was a splendid young woman, Ruth Mackenzie, now director of Nottingham Plavhouse. Our girls have always been concerned about issues, and prepared to stand up for their right to speak. We do a lot of debating, and still encourage that old-fashioned skill, public

speaking."

But girls' grammar schools always did so, and produce women of the Margaret Hilda Roberts type: the difference is that previous generations were more inclined to chuck in their opportunities for domestic life, unheard-of in girls' sixth forms today.

South Hampstead came sixth in last year's school league tables of Alevel results, as well it might: the school is rigorously selective, and situated in a highly motivated catchment area. Mrs Burgess

thinks that league tables are no more than "a tiny snapshot" of a school, but she is none the less pleased that they disprove the notion that the ancient and famous public schools are best: "The highest-achieving schools are in fact the urban grammar schools."

South Hampstead is part of the Girls Public Day School Trust (GPDST), founded by four philanthropic Victorian ladies. The schools used to be direct-grant but are now independent, and they are for many reluctantly fee-paying parents the nearest thing to a grammar school. Up to 18 per cent of the girls are on the assisted placement scheme or on bursaries. 'Most of the parents say: 'I went to a grammar school and that's what I want for my daughter. I accept that the grammar school has gone, and I regret it deeply. The sad paradox is that a significantly smaller proportion of the lower socio-economic

groups now goes to university than 25 grammar-school girls into university. I'm afraid I'm on the side of the aspirget the blend of quality and equality right. I am passionately opposed to the flamening out of education."

She is also passionate about single-sex schools. When girls long to go off to boys' schools in the sixth form, she understands. "They want a change, they want to test them-selves, they feel: 'I know I may not like it and I may not be doing the right thing, but I feel I've got to try it.' One of our most intelligent and articulate girls went to Wellington last year and came back after a veek and we warmly welcomed her

Although from a strong Welsh teaching tradition (her grandfather and great grandfather were both headmasters) she was intending to go into personnel management herself, but followed her husband into teaching. She taught history in various state schools - co-ed secondary modern, comprehensive,

When she was 30, her marriage broke down, and she applied to Wimbledon High, another GPDST school. "I owe my career to Mrs Piper, the then head," she says. When Mrs Piper went on a sabbatical on a banana boat to Jamaica, leaving Mrs Burgess in charge. Mrs Burgess found she South Hampstead at only 35.

ot only is 18 years a very long headship; the inter-personal wear and tear is exhausting. There are so many people needing things of you, which cannot be deferred. Sometimes I long to work with things. School life has a clear structure but a high degree of unpredictability. My diary may be clear, and I think I can catch up then the world falls in."

She has had to give up teaching altogether ("and I love the Angio-

"The amount we do just grows and grows. Things get added on, and nothing gets taken away: extra-



Averil Burgess: 'I'm afraid I'm on the side of the aspirers. I am passionately opposed to the flattening out of education'

curricular activities, coursework, visits, work experience, shadowing: now we're into work experience abroad, and constantly expanding. Expectations have grown among perents and girls (you cannot slap down the Hampstead parent and to deliver a quality education is very demanding for everyone."

She is a convert to GCSE. "It's the coursework that enables us to stretch the ablest candidates. Some of them write mini-theses. And the stuff they produce in art is much richer and more interesting." Her chief criticism of exams is the fine distinction in A level pass grades so the pupils may toll for two years. only to find that a D or E pass grade has negligible currency. At her school, the A level success rate is 97 per cent, 77.3 per cent with an A or B grade.

Yet she sheds the headmistress's mantie of authority without regret. On first becoming a head, you realise that you change a situation just by going into it. Everything you say is potentially more significant a casual word has reverberations you never intended.

Parents will expect headmistress es to be formidable, like the tweedy Miss B.N. Champion, who was head of Ashby-de-la-Zouch Girls' Grammar School in Mrs Burgess's

spinsters, whose adherents are

generally childless women".

and she described the ideal

woman as one who "tries to

lighten her husband's bur-

dens, to refresh him after his

dreary hours of work...".

However, that was not how

Elisabeth controlled men

with aplomb, alternately be-

guiling and bhidgeoning

them into co-operation. As a

role model she looked to

Cosima Wagner, the wife of

the composer Richard Wag-

udiced, Cosima played an

extraordinary role in his life as

lover, companion, mother, di-

creator of the Wagner myth.

Friedrich Nietzsche and Rich-

ard Wagner became close friends (and bitter enemies),

and Elisabeth resolved to find

At the first Bayreuth festival

in 1876 she alighted on

Bernhard Förster, a violently

anti-Semitic teacher. Elisabeth

saw him as her Seigfried. a

visionary whom she could

propel to greatness, they mar-

ried in 1885. They decided to

herself a Wagner.

arist, administrator and co-

ner. Haughty, stylish and pre-

she behaved.

own schooldays. "Buf I remember being surprised to find, on an outing to the circus, that Miss Champion had a human side," she

once saw & parent in Sainsbury's who said, 'I never expected to see you here'. I said, did you think I shopped at Fortmums? and she said, 'I never thought of you shopping at all!" When people ask her what she

will now do, she replies: "Much less." But she will probably be just as busy, only leading a more portfolio kind of life on several committees and councils on education policy, including the National Commission on Education. She may also travel the world, but in the meantime she is mastering her ancestral Janguage, Weish.

Next week, she will be at Nant Gwribeym, a deserted quarry vilage which is now the national

"It is total immersion, no TV, no radio, no newspapers, no alcohol, and only Welsh spoken: it is a retreat from the world," she says, "so I shan't even know who has

Today, however, is the mock election at South Hamostead. where the arguments will be eloquently and ringingly expressed.

AND BRIEFLY -

A sweet choice

ELECTION fever has already stimulated industry. Thorntons, the chocolatiers, is selling Vote Chocolate rosettes and other edible treats for the undecided, and British Rail buffets have come up with an Electoral Roll - containing "red sausage blue cheese. yellow mustard and green lettuce" - at the suitably inflated price of £1.79. The Museum Store in Covent Garden, London, is selling sets of election postcards based on historic posters for £2.25 a pack of ten (£2 for Times readers flourishing this cutting before April 9). And to cap it all, the Victoria & Albert Museum is running an exhibition of political campaign memorabilia, Election Fever — or Fatigue. The only problem is that it does not start until April 29.

Super buy

TESCO has linked with the fash-ion designer Jeff Banks (of Ware-house and Clothes Show fame) to produce an environmentally friendly range of clothing for men, women and children which will be in 110 stores from this month. Good Goods are made of "100

per cent Green Cotton" which means "the cotton is hand-picked to avoid using chemical defoli-ants." Mr Banks says. There are other selling points for those who don't care about the environment. including the fact that these T-shirts and tracksuits can be tumbledried without "twisting" as some cotton garments do. Prices range from £6.99 for children's T-shirts to £19.99 for a woman's sweatshirt.

Picture list

WEDDING lists are usually so dull. They contain the china and cutiery, bed linen and other necessities — however luxurious — of married life. So The Art Collection. the innovative, moderately priced art gallery in Chelsea, has come up with a dever twist: an art-lovers' wedding list. "We are inviting couples to look around the gallery and choose some pictures, which range in price from £50 to £1,250. We note those down and they let their friends know they have a wedding list with us." says Nick Hely-Hutchinson, the gallery's proprietor. "Friends can club together for one painting — and we give the couple 10 per cent of their total wedding list sales towards any purchase they might care to make with us." The Art Collection is at 3 Elystan Street, London SW3 3NT (071-584 4664).

Party ties

THE closing date for entries for the V & A's discreet little exhibition later this month of the world's most indiscreet ties was yesterday. But still there has been no entry from the prime minister — al-though both Neil Kinnock and Paddy Ashdown have made donations. "But we have been promised one from him and - in his case might make an exception and extend the date to after April 9, says Claudia Bigg, who is organising the exhibition. Alas for the V&A: the ties donated by the party leaders are among the most boring (Paddy Ashdown's mauve and brown with multi-coloured diagonal stripes: Neil Kinnock's innocuous pattern) whereas those from unknown donors make much more exciting viewing. The V & A plans to display the ties in a case in its new European Ornament Gallery, but has not yet set a date.

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individuals, such as Franz Overbeck, her brother's old

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he convinced Adolf Hit-ler (who probably never read a word of Nietz-sche) that her brother was the

apostle of fascism. In return,

the old lady and her archive

received a stipend from the

Führer's personal bank ac-

count. When she died at 89,

most of the prominent Nazis,

including a visibly emotional

Hitler, attended her funeral.

Elisabeth was a remarkable.

and remarkably nasty woman.

She attained an unrivalled, if

undeserved, cultural reput-

ation in pre-war Europe; but

she did so at the expense of her

brother's philosophical legacy.

much. In Ecce Homo. his

Nietzsche had prophesied as

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Elisabeth Nietzsche was a remarkably nasty woman who gave posterity a distorted version of her brother's work lisabeth Nietzsche had The philosophy of the feted by the far right and thrice nominated for the Nobel Prize for literature. Only a few

two careers: one was as an colony in Paraguay; the exactly one century ago, was as the self-appointed literary ex-ecutrix of her brother, Friedrich Nietzsche, arguably Germany's greatest philosopher.

Her first career was disaster. Her second, by a process of deceit, misrepresentation and plain forgery, turned Nietzsche into a household name and the official philosopher of fascism. Elisabeth's rise to eminence

was unique, for National Socialism was the macho ideology par excellence, lauding German women as breeders of the Master race, but seldom as

More has been written, more bafflingly, about Nietzsche that perhaps any other modern thinker; but his sister usually lurks malignantly in the footnotes. In 1946 the house where Elisabeth collected Nietzsche's works was sealed on the orders of the communist authorities: it was only reopened after the revolution in East Germany in 1989, allowing the full perfidy

of her life to be exposed. From infancy she both idolised and competed with her precocious brother. After the death of their father the children were brought up by a handful of elderly, pious and distinctly peculiar women including their dim and belea-

guered mother. · In Nietzsche's philosophy this upbringing sometimes expressed itself in the form of blistering misogyny; in per-haps his most oft-quoted nhrase he said: "Are una visa







Family ties: Elisabeth and Friedrich Nietzsche posing for their confirmation pictures

brother. Friedrich had bitterly

would be banned and German peasants could cultivate Lutheran and (oddly enough) egetarian values.

The colony, Nueva Germania, was a disaster (although some of the descendants still survive): Förster proved a broken reed, and poisoned himdrinking binge in 1889.

Elisabeth had received news of

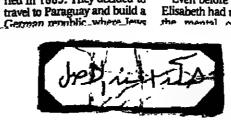
Even before Forster's death,

and jealously opposed her marriage to Förster, and long before his breakdown he said of his sister: "There can be no question of reconciliation with that vengeful anti-Semitic goose." But her brother's madness was Elisabeth's longawaited opportunity for fame. She abandoned Paraguay in 1891 and for the next 40

and marketing his philosophy, or rather her version of it. She published his abandoned jotfings as philosophy, and she trumpeted the great anti-nationalist and anti-anti-Semite as an imperialist, a nationalist and a racist. Friedrich would have been appalled, but for the last ten years of his life he was insane and was dead by 1900. The Nietzsche Archive she

autobiography, he had written: "One day there will be associated with my name the recollection of something frightful, of a crisis like no other before on earth, of the profoundest collision of conscience, of a decision evoked against everything that had until then been believed in, demanded, sanctified I am not a man. I am dynamite."

BEN MACINTYRE Ben Macinity is the author of Forgotten Fatherland. The Search for Elisabeth Neusche. Her life is years dedicated herself to pro- built in Weimar became a femured on Tuneward (BRCZ)



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the killing. The most notable recent example of the former is the case of Rajinder Bisla, who strangled his "nagging" wife. His plea of guilty to man-slaughter on the grounds of provocation was accepted and he was given a suspended sentence. By contrast, Thornton, who suffered years of physical abuse and whose alcoholic husband, Malcolm. threatened to kill her and her daughter, had her pleas of provocation and diminished responsibility rejected. She

was jailed for life. Provocation is basically a masculine idea." Mrs Bandalli says. "which I think ought to be abolished as a plea is an element of self-defence."

Hidden strength on show

Joseph Connolly views an exhibition that

seeks to give great women artists the reputation they have so long been denied

ince the early 1970s, when art historian Linda Nochlin entitled an influential essay with the provocative question "Why have there been no Great Women Artists?", numbers of feminist art historians have emerged determined to explore the anomaly. The question, however, is easily misunderstood: it did not presuppose that there were no great women artists, but sought to suggest simply that because they were women, different criteria had been applied to assessments of their work, the resulting verdicts exclud-

ing them from "greatness". Katy Deepwell, an art historian and the curator of a new exhibition devoted to the theme, believes that although genius may be present in any artist, man or woman, the epithet is applied

only to men mainly because women were traditionally expected to "choose" between career and family, and those who attempted to juggle the two have not been deemed to be

serious. Dr Deepwell asserts in her impressively researched, though somewhat plodding, introduction to the exhibition catalogue that even today, the blanket assumption is that the roles of artist and mother are incompatible, and that family ties are what have made it so difficult for women to pursue their careers and therefore achieve eventual

The exhibition is an intriguing showcase, illustrating well the extraordinary diversity and competence of all of the ten artists - each of whom was born at or near the beginning of the century, and four of whom are still alive. Of the ten. eight were married, though great care is taken to stress the close family obligations of the other two. Although all have enjoyed fruifful careers none, with the exception

of Barbara Hepworth, has gained

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was a tyrant who had sexually

abused his daughter - those

campaigning on behalf of women in jail for killing

similar husbands and boy-

friends believe that the case

highlights the unfairness of our legal system. Sue Bandalli, a solicitor and

lecturer in law at Birmingham university, is collecting evi-

dence of spousal homicides.

about a change in the law.

And supporters of Justice for

Women, which is campaign-

ing on behalf of Sara Thorn-

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which Mrs Bandalli wants to

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defence plea of provocation,

which is often successfully

used by men who kill their

wives, but which she claims

does not work for women. The

other is diminished responsi-

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show there was a "sudden and

temporary loss of self control".

discriminates against women

because, being physically weaker, they can rarely get the

upper hand unless the man is

incapacitated, and then they

are trapped with the accusa-

tion that they have planned

This last, Mrs Bandalli feels.

reopen her case.

her male contemporaries. Even Hepworth, Dr Deepwell believes, is underrated when compared with the other members of her set, Henry Moore and Ben Nicholson, and it is certainly true that she has had no major retrospective exhibition for more than 20 years.

Dr Deepwell sees Hepworth as the most successful of the ten, not necessarily because she was a greater artist, but because she had three West End dealers and this, along with her association with Moore, ensured that her work was noticed, and bought for ever-rising prices. This has been virtually a unique development for a woman. Some art historians - and Dr Deepwell is among them - are convinced that huge prices are another criterion for "greatness" -

and because women, with their limited opportuni-ties to exhibit, rare-The bronzes ly achieve them, they are inevitably of Hepworth are the finest, excluded from the favoured circle. By way of accentuating the point. Dr Deepwell cites the purest works

insurance values of the works on show: £60,000-£100,000 for each of the Hep-worths, as against £5,000 for just

about everything else.
Although there is much fine work on show, the Hepworths — gor-geously tangible bronzes — do not shine out simply because they are Hepworths and worth a fortune, but because they are the strongest, purest and most assuredly accomplished works in the exhibition.

The strength of the exhibition does not rest solely with the Hepworths, however. There are good sculptures by Betty Rea, some fine surrealism from Eileen Agar and from one of the artists still living — Sylvia Melland, who is best known for her pioneering work in printmaking, her superb Euston Road style work and an interior rather reminiscent of Matisse. I was struck by the resem-

blance between two abstract oils by



'We weren't influenced by anyone then': Nan Youngman with her paintings Boys in Princess Road, Camden Town, 1938 (left) and Steel Works, Ebbw Vale, 1953

Lilian Holt to much of David Bomberg's work. "She was married to him for so bloody long," said a voice at my side, "it would be amazing otherwise. She was my mother-in-law, you know."

Remarkable, too, are watercolour sketches by Mary Adshead, now aged 88, for full-scale murals that had been commissioned by London Transport churches, pavilions, and also by individuals. Gertrude Hermes's gorgeous woodblock engravings will be fa-miliar to book collectors (she illustrated special editions including T.E. Lawrence's Seven Pillars of Wisdom and Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, and works by T.S. Eliot and Richard Jeffries) while Emmy Bridgwater — who was a member of the London Surrealist Group during the 1940s — is represented here by some ingenious and darkly comical collages, incorporating pictures clipped from magazines. Evelyn Gibbs' best work on view is an oil depicting two wind-lashed strollers by the sea. The painting has terrific strength, immediacy and movement, while managing to

capture's certain nightmarish quality reminiscent of Edvard Munch. Two of my favourite works on show are deeply atmospheric oils by the spry and intelligent Nan Youngman, still working at the age of 86, and still sporting the Beatle haircut she had at the Slade during the 1920s. One of the paintings -

a typically expressive Camden Town Group oil, painted with a palette knife and a characteristically restricted colour range of earth tones — has never left her studio since she painted it in 1938. "I do quite like it," she says, "but I largely kept it because it wouldn't sell." The other oil — a factory scene with belching chimney — is often compared with Lowry (although it is much finer) but she had never heard of Lowry when she painted it. "We weren't really influenced by anyone in the old days," she says. "At the Slade, it wasn't encouraged." Does she still think the Slade has its place as the pre-eminent college of art? "It has a place," she said. "I believe they still teach drawing. But it probably wouldn't matter if they didn't people graduate these days and

write theses; they don't paint."
The exhibition impresses; and as there were more than 200 British women artists of comparable quality on whom Katy Deepwell could have drawn, several pertinent questions are raised. Why are only 10

per cent of works held in the Tate Gallery by women, women artists constituting only 3 per cent of the work on show? Between 1910 and 1986, the Tate held 214 shows that were each devoted to a single artist: why were only eight of these women? Why do women constitute only 10 per cent of all members of the Royal Academy? Gertrude Hermes, moreover, was just the sixth woman to be elected an Associate of the Royal Academy since the academy's foundation in 1768, the first

having been in 1922.

Certainly the exhibition will help to advertise the facts, but in labelling the artists "women", an inherent danger lurks. Anyone attending the show will see that there is nothing second-rate about it, but the very diehard bias to which the exhibition is so vigorously opposed could well cause some to pass it by. Should artists be segregated by their sex, even to prove a point? Nan Youngman is decisive on the matter: "I don't think of men painters or of women painters," she says. "I personally see myself as a painter painter.

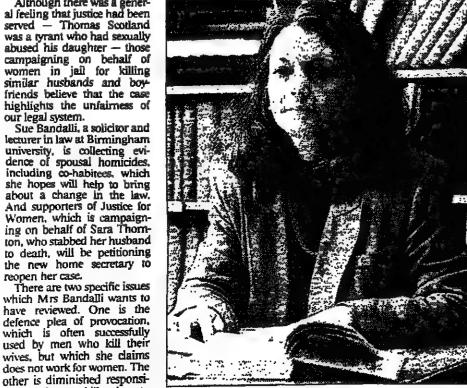
Ten Decades: The Careers of Ten Women Artists Born 1897-1906 is at the Norwich Gallery, St George Street,



Mary Adshead at work on a mural commissioned in 1925

A solicitor campaigns for legal changes on behalf of women who kill

une Scotland, who killed **Guilty by** ing pin and then buried his body in the garden, was cleared of murder but found gender? guilty of manslaughter last week. She was put on probation for two years, provided she lives in a women's refuge. Although there was a general feeling that justice had been



Sue Bandalli: fighting for equality for the black widows

but retained for assessing mitigating circumstances. It assumes a man who murders his unfaithful wife is behaving 'reasonably' if he is provoked. but if you are a reasonable man you do not kill your adulterous wife, you leave

"Courts understand how a man can react to having his virility undermined. Taunting him by suggesting he is not the father of your child is provocation, but enduring years of torture and humiliation at his hands is not.

"For women provocation does not work, but there is no recognition that it does not work. Because a woman is physically weaker she fights differently. She does not usually have at her disposal the ability to kill her husband, unless he is incapacitated. In the cases I have looked at where women have successfully pleaded provocation, there

An example she cites is that of Elizabeth Line, a former nun, whose husband had, during their two years of marriage, subjected her to beatings, rape and acts of gross sexual abuse. In evidence Mrs Line said her husband told her he was going to shut her up for ever and asked, "Which knife shall I use to cut your throat?" She ran to the kitchen, grabbed a knife and stabbed him 17 times. She pleaded provocation, was convicted of manslaughter and given a suspended 18-

month jail sentence. "A very strange thing is happening," Mrs Bandalli says. "We are calling a case like this one provocative, where the layman's view of the simuation is that she was defending herself. But self-defence is not regarded as a safe plea because it is so difficult to succeed; you have to show you have not used excessive force.

If women rely on a plea of

state to retaliate.

The defence of diminished responsibility worked in Mrs Scotland's case. "But why should a woman have to say she was barmy?" Mrs Bandalli

until the man is not in a fit

"I am not saying that plead-ing diminished responsibility is wrong, but I think it should be looked at in view of what was happening. One solution is to abolish the mandatory life sentence for murder and give judges discretion on the evidence which appears before

Julie Bindel of Justice for Women says: "The law is grotesquely unfair to abused women. "Another woman convicted of murder who will be appealing against her conviction, was in hospital for a week as a result of the injuries she sustained from her husband, yet she was still charged with his murder when she

🖪 he woman drugged her husband with sleeping pills, hit him over the head with a hammer and then stabbed him 28 times. She was jailed for life.

"No one is asking for a licence to kill, which is what some lawyers start saying when you suggest there are mitigating circumstances," Mrs Bandalli says. "What you are after is an understanding of the situation which will reduce the blameworthiness of the offender.

In the case of Valerie Flood, whose husband had, among other things, broken her nose so many times she had given up going for treatment, the judge told her he would show mercy, but added: "This is not to be regarded as a precedent for wives to kill brutal husbands. There are other courses open. They can separate, take divorce proceedings or seek

But Mrs Bandalli says: There are many instances of wives who sought injunctions and went into hiding, but their husbands and boyfriends pursued them, killed them, and were charged only with manslaughter, not murder. I cannot find any cases of husbands who killed their wives where the judge has said: 'Why didn't

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Melinda Wittstock spends a day at ITN as its team covers the election war over 'Jennifer's Ear'

ew outsiders would ever guess the extent of time and painstaking effort that goes into writing News At Ten's five bongs. Every word, every nuance, the very rhythm of each headline, is debated by presenters and editors as adrenalin surges through the newsroom in that last hour before transmission:

The words accompanying each of Big Ben's chimes on ITN's flagship news programme, particularly during such a closely-fought election campaign, must be just right. "It's the first impression viewers get, and of course the politicians listen carefully," Simon Bucks, the News At Ten editor, explained last Thursday night as Julia Somerville, Alastair Stewart, Michael Brunson, political editor. and David Mannion, ITN editor of ITV programmes, crowded around his computer terminal to brainstorm the five short sentences that would sum up the day's

complex developments.

Bong! Tories admit putting paper that named the girl on to her doctor, Somerville's first headline reads at 9:12pm. "What about Major? Bucks asks. "I think he said Kinnock wasn't fit to govern, or maybe that was Patmane of the girl?" Bucks asks.

Brunson: "Yes. he says his hands are clean." By 9:47pm they settle on: "Major insists he didn't know the name of Labour's health girl".

Bong! "But mystery remains: who leaked her name in the first place?" gets changed to: "But the Tories admit: we put a newspaper on to her doctor.

Bong! The doctor's phone call: how did the papers get the name?, isn't quite right either. "What about the tape? We've got to show the name was mentioned in the conversation," Somerville says. "How about 'The doctor's tape: the papers knew the name when they phoned?" Somerville sug-gests. "OK." Bucks says.

Bong! Doctors give the thumbs down to the government's health changes. "No, no, no. Make it BMA; we've had too many doctors." Bucks says

Bong! And Mike Tyson is sent to jail for six years for rape.

The atmosphere is tense in ITN's £43 million glass fortress, as employees begin their newsgather-ing 15 hours earlier. Staff, admon-

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vented political advertising in

1979 when it ran a campaign called "Labour Isn't Working" and won the election for Mar-

garet Thatcher.

Nuances that shape the news



Five short sentences: Julia Somerville and Alastair Stewart brainstorm the start of the News At Ten

ished the day before by Stewart Purvis, the editor-in-chief, for allowing the BBC One O'Clock News to pull ahead of ITN on the Jennifer Bennett controversy, are determined to scoop the BBC.

"Today we need to get to grips with who is lying to whom," David Mannion tells editors at the 9:10am meeting, the first of many throughout the day.

A live feed from Neil Kinnock's Nottingham press conference elecwith rage, Julie Hall, his press secretary, has denied leaking the name of the girl whose filness inspired Labour's emotional election broadcast, and journalists have been caught by ITN cameras surrounding Peter Hitchens, the Daily Express journalist, to demand that he reveal how he obtained the girl's name.

The hunt is on. "Go back to Tory Central Office, the grandfather, the mother, the father, the consultant and the Express," Purvis instructs programme editors at the 10:30am meeting.
While the BBC often excels at

analysis, ITN is at its best when

there is a scoop in the air. From the time ITN got Sir Nicholas Lloyd, the Daily Express editor, to admit that his paper got the name of the girl's consultant from Tory Central Office, ITN led the BBC. The interview gave Brunson the ammunition he needed to force William Waldegrave, the health secretary, to admit later that afternoon that the Tories had put the consultant in touch with the Express. By 8pm, ITN had its scoop - a tape of Hitchens asking the consultant whether the girl was John Bennett's daughter.

long a corridor behind the newsroom, journalists prepare Lunchtime News reports. Mark Webster, a political correspondent, tells Mike Turner, picture editor, what he needs. "Let's have a double-whammy of Clarke and Patten. A bit of Clarke thuggery, some Patten thuggery, then some sweet-man Major with his "itwould-never-be-like-this-if-Attleewas-running-Labour" - pass the motion discomfort bags. God

Dr Jack Cunningham, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, has just accused Chris Patten of leaking the girl's name to the Express. Harry Smith, a general news reporter, is duly despatched to Tory Central Office to doorstep Patten. It is 12:10pm. "Either he [Patten] is preparing his answer or he's sneaked out the back." Smith says. Near the end of the Lunchtime News. ITN and BBC crews

confirm with a press officer that

Patten had indeed sneaked away. The first of several News At Ten meetings starts at 2:45pm. At 4pm. Phil Moger, editor of the Early Evening News, tells me he is too busy to let me watch him prepare the 5:40pm bulletin. John Suchet, who is writing the "links" between reports, explains: political coverage has to be inter-rupted by Bill Neely's report on Tyson's sentencing from India-napolis because the live satellite link goes down at 5:49pm. "If Brunson overruns on his live link all hell will break loose in the control room." In the end, the Neely report goes without hitch; except the "aston" (subtitle) identifying Andreas Whittam Smith, editor of The Independent, never comes up on screen.

Tension is running high min utes before the 7pm Channel Four News, as Jon Snow, the presenter, and Richard Tait, the editor, discuss questions for Kenneth Clarke, Roy Hamersley and Sir David Steele. "It is not usually this fraught," Huw Roberts, the chief press officer, says.

By 8pm the newsroom is pulsating. An excited Alastair Stewart bounds up with news that ITN has obtained from the consultant a tape which might prove that Hitchens got the girl's name from Tory Central Office. "Someone's telling a porky." he says.

At 9:15pm Shaun Woodward. the Tories' communications director, calls Michael Brunson. Brunson picks up his notepad and reaches for the phone. "Hi. Yeah ... yeah. I haven't heard the tape myself ... No, but what is clear is that the Express already had the name. We are told by the consultant that it was the second conversation, yes . . . Yep. I accept that." hat did Woodward

say? "Oh, he just wanted to emphasise that it was the second conversation. If it had been the first, then the Express would only have had 15 minutes to get the name from a source other than Tory Central Office." The scoop does not seem nearly as exciting as lt did an hour earlier.

"Good Evening. The election campaign has been gripped by a furious row ..." Julia Somerville broadcasts. Within minutes Owen Smith, the news editor, gets the first of three calls from Hitchens. He was angry ITN had not contacted him, and criticises them for leaving open the possibility that he got the name with the Tories help. ITN insists its coverage is accurate, but at 10:25pm Somerville reads the main points again: "Peter Hitchens told ITN tonight he had not been given the name by the Tories".

At the end of the day, 30 viewers had complained about pro-Tory bias; only four about pro-Labour bias. Several said they were "sick and tired" of election news; one even asked ITN to stop covering politics until after the election.

The BBC announces its election night coverage plans today, and ITN details its schedule tomorrow.

Clear picture of the video boom

Researchers are finding new ways to track the way we use our videos, Stephan Buck reports

TOP TV-RATED FILMS p to now, most of the OF 1991 WITH LARGEST audience research infor-TIMESHIFT AUDIENCE mation into the use of the video recorder has concentrated on timeshift - the use of the machine to record and play back programmes transmitted by television channels. This information Golden Child Karate Kid Lethal Weapon is derived by AGB, the research company, for Barb (Broadcasters' Audience Research Board), using electronic meters attached to Buster
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VCR, for watching rented or bought pre-recorded tapes, has emerged from AGB's VideoTrak service, through Barb meters, by labelling pre-recorded videos with unique electronic "fingerprints". About 70 per cent of homes have a VCR, and the broadcasting and advertising industries are interested in the extent to which they swell the "live" audience for programmes through their timeshifting activities.

In its 1991 Television Year Book, AGB shows how much the films with the highest television audience benefited in this way. For example, the live audience for Karate Kid of 12.7 million was increased by a further 1.4 million who saw it at home at a later date. Increases of this magnitude also occur for other well-known programmes, such as inspector Morse, Casualty, Darling Buds of May and even Coronation Street.

information on the other use of the

Audience profiles for pre-recorded videos are typically skewed towards the young, but vary in terms of class. VideoTrak data for LA Story shows an upmarket young adult audience. Not surprisingly, perhaps, Kindergarten Cop had an even younger profile, but one with a lower social class. This suggests that video advertising can be used to target specific audiences, sometimes including people who are difficult to reach on ITV, Channel 4 or the commercial satellite channels.

Potential advertisers have worried about the extent to which

SOURCE: BARB/AGE through commercials. AGB results show that though fast-forwarding through advertisements does occur, more than 60 per cent of the audience watches ads and trailers at normal speed. In the United States, after a slow start, the video cassette business earned \$11 billion in 1991, of which \$8 billion was obtained through rental and \$3 billion from sales. This is more than twice as large as cinema box-office takings, and is meaningful com-

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pared with American television's \$26 billion advertising revenues. The scale is different in the UK but, even so, the rental and sellthrough market for videos in Britain is expected to be almost £1 billion in 1992. The recession has dampened growth in rental revenue, but the sell-through market continues to grow significantly and is expected to be worth £400

million this year. As for advertising on video, with about 20 million people in the UK watching at least one video a week, the potential is there. In about 15 million British households, the VCR accounts for about 10 per cent of TV viewing time, comparable to the time spent watching Channel 4 or BBC 2.

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SELLING POINT: Advertising can win elections. But is this view a myth inspired by the image-makers?

Power and persuasion at the polls

But this is not true. The myth is cherished by the advertising industry because it portrays it as a powerhouse at the heart of the political process. And it has been enthusiastically emthe Ted Bates agency in New braced by the media. Count how York. (Ted Bates was the Saatchis many times the word "image" has appeared already in the coverage

But political advertising is not new, and its power can be over-rated. Even if you disregard Victorian political posters — and it is more accurate to say that baked beans have copied politics than the reverse - mass media advertising has been used by politicians for at least 40 years.
The business really got going in America in 1952. Four years before, Thomas Dewey, the 1948 Republican presidential can-didate, had been offered a multitelevision huckster.

During the filming of his commercials, he shook his head media advertising campaign by

of its day and was later, ironically, have to come to this". Dewey rejected the idea — and lost. These two facts may or may not have been connected, but

that was a risk that Dwight Eisenhower, the 1952 Repub-lican candidate, was unwilling to take. He went back to the Ted Bates agency and the "I Like Ike" campaign was born. It was a hit. although the former general did not apparently relish becoming a

think that an old soldier should by a landslide and the Bates agency, like Saatchis after it, was less than modest about its contribution to his success. "If only Dewey had known these things," the Bates boss boasted, "he too would have been

That claim was neither honest nor truthful. Eisenhower was a

cast-iron certainty, and he would have won with or without Bates's

sussion had arrived. Harold Macmilian's victory in 1959, followed by Kennedy's in 1960, appeared to clinch the matter.

Like Eisenhower before him and Mrs Thatcher later. Macmilian employed what was then the hottest advertising agency in town. Colman Prentis and Varley, which came up with the slogan

help: equally. Dewey would almost certainly have lost.

Politicians, however, have never been interested in such niceties. The lesson they learnt was simple: advertising wins elections. The era of high-pressure political perspection had account to the pressure of the pressure political perspection and the pressure political perspection had account to the pressure of the pressure of the pressure political perspection had account to the pressure political perspection and the pressure of the pressure pressure pressure productions are pressured to the pressure pressure production and the pressure pres vatives - Don't Let Labour Ruin

was not Mrs Thatcher's 1979 theme. It was just one of about a dozen Tory posters, and achieved its notoriety because Labour's campaign managers shot them-selves in every available foot by clumsily attacking it when it transpired that the queue of unemployed workers portrayed on the poster were merely under-

purpose of political publicity is to sting opponents into over-reacting; only naïve opponents do so.

But does political advertising really achieve anything, apart from goading the enemy? It does ginger up supporters; they are galvanised into ever greater exer-tions by seeing their side's slo-gans on the hoardings as they wearily slog around the streets.

In other respects, advertising's influence is marginal. Like Eisenhower, Mrs Thatcher was well ahead in the polls even before the 1979 campaign started. Indeed the Tories' popularity dipped slightly during its course, from

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which one could deduce, if one so wished, that political advertising

is counter-productive.
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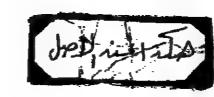
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Tom Wallace, of the selfbuild consultant Wallace & Associates, estimates land prices have dropped about 20

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your future

DIY way to plot

daunting, says Rachel Kelly

but it can lead to big savings

per cent during the past year. The falls were greater in the north than the south-east, where land scarcity is keeping prices relatively buoyant.

The big advantage, says Bjorn Hall, of the consultant Ekin, which takes clients through the self-build process step by step, is that a builder expects a 15 to 20 per cent return. A self-builder naturally pockets that margin.

There are also more plots to choose from. In two years, about 25 per cent has been sliced off the house sales of the top eight developers and many are gradually selling off their land. Much of this land has planning permission and services are already laid on. Of the price of materials, Mr

Wallace says: "A few years ago, 1,000 bricks might have cost £240. Now you could get them for about £150, and even less if you have ready cash." There are discounts, too, on selfbuild kits. About 15 per cent comes off the average price of £8,000 to £12,000.

Mr Wallace's advice is to shop around: "About 90 per cent of companies making kits make one-offs rather than standard kits. You make a drawing of your specifications and they quote you a price. I suggest asking a handful of companies for quotes."

Most self-builders sell their

existing home before starting work on the new one. The financially canny might con-sider holding on to their property, Mr Wallace says. "Get building," he says, "and then in four or five months the recession may be over. You will have bought in a recession and be able to sell coming out of recession."

A cash flow advantage is staggered payments. Al-though most lenders expect cash payment for land, they will lend thereafter in stages.



Eileen Good has been building a house with six bedrooms and three bathrooms, plus a stable block, for the past two years. She moved in to her unfinished home in January 1990, after a lonely sojourn in a caravan on her country estate in Scotland, where there was no running water and only a sporadic supply of electricity from a broken generator. She oversaw the building work while her husband was away working in Saudi Arabia. "The joy

In today's economic climate such financial flexibility is proving attractive. Mr Wallace says: "You can also alter your costs as you go along, by, for example, fitting cheaper kitchen and bathroom units, or subcontracting less." Even if

you use subcontracted labour, It is cheaper and easier to find in a recession. "The difference is that you are paying pretty much for the pure building costs," Mr Hall says. "The contractor is not expecting a great profit."

The Goods decided on self-build after seeing a show house from the self-build company Potton, which provided the kit. "We wanted on old country house but could not find the right one," Mrs Good says. She estimates that her new home is worth £450,000. The building costs so far have been £210,000.

of building your own home at the moment is

that you can get builders to come the following day, rather than next year." she says.

The easiest kits to build are timber-framed. Brick homes take longer because of the technical sophistication needed for what is known in the trade as "wet build", involving blocks and plaster. On average, it takes about six months

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to build a timber-framed house using a combination of subcontracted labour and one's own toil. Solo self-builders working at weekends and during holidays could take up to two years to finish, but it is possible to complete a new

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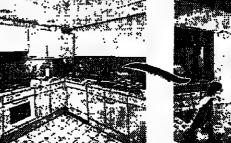


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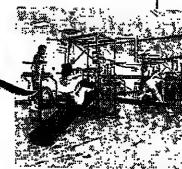
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Ludgate's first milestone

A big City scheme

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he first building in Rose haugh Stanhope's £400 million Ludgate development in the City of London will be completed this month while fitting-out work goes on in readiness for the first tenants in June. As the recession has deepened, work has continued on this scheme, conceived when the developer was thriving and its other ambitious venture, Broadgate, was on its way to completion.

Rosehaugh Stanhope has lost one building from the original five. and that remains on hold. The other three buildings will be completed by the autumn, to provide a total of 550,000 sq ft of offices. shops, wine bars and restaurants. and a new public square on a fouracre corridor of land between Holborn Viaduct and Blackfriars station. Rents are about 140 a sq ft.

the accountant Coopers & Lybrand merged with Deloitte and decided to take the four Ludgate buildings



New look at Ludgate: the impressive development between Holborn Viaduct and Blackfriars

tenant the Ludgate deal fell through. Rosehaugh Stanhope remains optimistic, arguing that the location of Ludgate, between the Old Bailey and the Royal Courts of

Justice makes it ideal for solicitors. while it is also in the area popular with accountants.

The finishing touches are being applied to the first of the buildings. 100 New Bridge Street, designed by Renton Howard Wood Levin Partnership, which was also the master planner for the scheme. The ten-storey building reflects the arca's Victorian and Edwardian character and has two large bay windows and stained-glass decoration. Of its 153,000 sq it, the solicitors practice Baker McKenzie

is the first, and so far only, tenant. taking 81,000 sq ft.
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill has designed the other three buildings. providing 158,000 sq ft, 179,000 sq ft and 56,000 sq ft respectively. The fifth building, planned opposite Blackfriars station and carrying the railway through it, is the work of John Outram. His highly

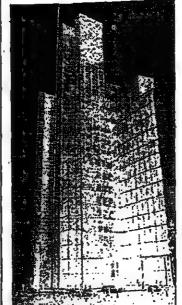
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The Rosehaugh Stanhope scheme, carried out in partnership with the British Rail Property Board, has provided the first new railway station in the City for more than 100 years, City Thameslink at

decorative design will include a

Ludgate Čircus. Building began in January 1990 after the closure of Holborn Viaduct station, and in May 1990 the Thameslink services were suspended for 17 days while the demolition and engineering were done. In just over two years, ladgate.

has seen one railway station close, another opened, a bridge removed and new vistas opened up. Now it needs tenants to fill its space. MARKET MOVES

Gateway to revival



THE latest proposals for regenerating London's Spitalfields market site have been approved by Tower Hamlets council. The council has given outline consent for the Spitalfields Development Group's masterplan for the 12-acre site and its package of community benefits on five derelict acres in Whitechapd. However, before the approval can be effective, the environment

secretary must lift the ban he imposed on previous proposals while he decided whether to call a public enquiry. The council's deci-sion coincides with the Corporation of London's commendation of designs for the first two buildings by Sir Norman Foster and Pariners and Allies & Morrison. Sir Norman's 16-storey building, left, provides entry from Bishopsgate, opening like huge gates.

Final scene

THE Elstree Studios site, part of the former Thorn EMI Studios, is being sold by the Brent Walker Group through Pepper Fox, which wants offers of about £9 million. Part of the 15.5-acre site, at Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, has been sold to Tesco for a superstore. The remainder includes offices, film studios and workshops. There is conditional planning consent for 93,600 sq ft of offices. a leisure building and film studios. Richard Taylor, of Pepper Fox, reports interest from the British and foreign film and television industries, and from retailers and leisure

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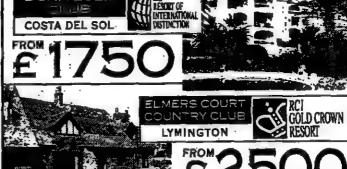
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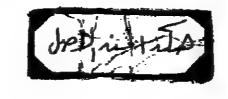
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Judgment March 25] Interference by prison authorities with a prisoner's correspondence with his solicitor and with the European Commission of Hu-man Rights gave rise to a viola-tion by the United Kingdom of article 8 of the European Conven-

tion on Human Rights. The European Court of Human Rights so held by eight votes to one in a complaint brought by Mr Campbell against the UK. The Court also held, unanimously, that it was not necessary to examine whether or not there was breach of article 25, paragraph

Article 8 of the Convention provides: "I Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his,

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Initially he was classified as a category B prisoner, but following an incident at Peterhead prison he was charged with a number of offenses and re-classified as a category A prisoner, the classification pertaining to inmates requiring the highest degree of security. The charges were abandoned by the Crown but it was not until March 9, 1988 that he was made a category B prisoner

From the beginning of his sentence the applicant had been advised by his solicitor in relation to contemplated and pending legal proceedings and other mat-ters. He had also been in correspondence with the Commission. Since 1985 his correspondence with his solicitor and the Com

mission had been regularly opened and screened by the prison authorities. The applicant made various complaints to the secretary of state and the Scottish Home and Health Department but was informed that all correspondence would be opened in accordance with normal rules except that concerning com-plaints to the Commission. He claimed, however, that despite that statement correspondence to

He had been detained in, inter alia. Perth and Peterhead prisfrom his solicitor in Glasgow, He was now in the special unit in Barlinnie prison, Glasgow. The applicant lodged his application with the European Com-mission of Human Rights on January 14, 1986. On November 8, 1989 the Commission declared it admissible in part. Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settle-

ment, the Commission drew up a report on July 12, 1990 establishing the facts of the case and expressing the opinion that there had been a violation of article 8 in respect of the opening of the. applicant's correspondence with his solicitor concerning contemplated and pending proceedings [1] votes to 1); that there had been a violation of article 8 in respect of the opening of the applicant's general corres-pondence with his solicitor (8 votes to 4); that there had been a violation of article 8 as a result of the opening of the applicant's correspondence with the Commission (11 votes to 1) but that the applicant had not been hindered in the effective exercise of the right of individual petition under article 25, paragraph 1 (10

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held as folkows:

1 Afleged violation of article 8 The applicant complained that correspondence to and from his solicitor and the Commission was opened and read by the prison authorities in breach of article 8. A Correspondence with his

In rejecting the Government's arguments that the applicant's complaint was not substantiated complaint was not substantiated and that in any event it related only to the opening, and not to the reading, of his correspondence, the Court found that there had been an interference with the exercise of the applicant's right to respect for his correspondence to and from his solicitor. That had been based on the Prison Rules and Standing Orders which provided for the Orders which provided for the opening and reading of such correspondence in order to en-

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As to whether the interference had been necessary in a demo-cratic society, the Court -recognised that some measure of control over prisoners' corres-pondence was not of itself incompatible with the Convention regard being paid to the ordinary and reasonable requirements of imprisonment

The Court saw no reason, to distinguish between the different categories of correspondence with lawyers which, whatever their purpose, concerned matters of a private and confidential character and were in principle privi-leged under article 8. That meant that the prison

authorities might open a letter from a lawyer to a prisoner when they had reasonable cause to believe that it contained an illicit enclosure which the normal disclose. The letter should, however, only be opened and should not

Suitable guarantees preventing the reading of the letter should be provided, for example, by open-ing the letter in the presence of

the prisoner.

The reading of a prisoner's mail to and from a lawyer should only be permitted in exceptional circumstances when the authorities had reasonable cause to believe that the privilege was being abused in that the contents of the letter endangered prison security or the safety of others or were otherwise of a criminal

Both the Government and the Commission made reference to the European Agreement relating to persons participating in pro-ceedings of the European Com-mission and Court of Human Rights of May 6, 1969. That Agreement was distinct from the Convention and was binding on twenty Contracting Parties, in-cluding the United Kingdom from 1971. It also applied to the applicant and his solicitor (Article

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"3 In application of the preced-ing paragraphs, there shall be no interference by a public authority except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, for the detec-tion or presecution of a criminal offence or for the protection of

Article 6 of the Agreement royided: "Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as limiting or derogating from any of the obli-gations assumed by the Contract-

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Convention."

The Court held that the European Agreement could not be construed as permitting the opening of the applicant's correspondence under article 8.

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1, paragraph (b) and (c)—
Article 3 of the Agreement provided:

pean Agreement by way of analogy, that the opening of the applicant's correspondence did not prevent him from having an effective opportunity to communi-cate in confidence with his solici-

tor during prison visits. Correspondence was a different medium of communication which was afforded separate protection under article 8. The right to respect for correspondence was of special importance in a prison context where it might be more difficult for a legal adviser to visit his client in person because, as in the present case, of the distant location of the prison. Automatic control of such correspondence would defeat the objetive of confi-

dential communication with a

Given the possibility of examining correspondence for reasonable cause, the Court found that there was a sufficient safeguard against the possibility of abuse. It was not persuaded by the Government's arguments that the professional competence and integrity of solicitors could not always be relied on and that if it were known that all correspondence with solicitors would pass unopened there existed a risk that they would become the target of pressure from those wishing to smuggle material into or out of

It had not been suggested that there was any reason to suspect that the applicant's solicitor was not complying with the rules of his profession. The mere possibility of abuse was ourweighed by the need to respect the confidentiality attached to the lawyer-client rela-

The Court found that there was no pressing social need for the opening and reading of the appli-cant's correspondence with his solicitor and that that interference had not been "necessary in a democratic society" within the meaning of article 8, paragraph

The Court concluded by eight votes to one, judge Sir John

Freeland dissenting, that there had accordingly been a breach of article 8. B Correspondence with the

The Court fund that the applicant had not substantiated his claim that letters to the Commission had been opened in view of the normal practice of the prison authorities not to subject such

letters to scrutiny. On the other hand, the Court found that there had been an interference with the exercise of the applicant's right to respect for his correspondence from the Commission. That had been based, inter alla, on the stand-ing orders which were published and available and pursued the legitimate aim of "the prevention of disorder or crime".

As to whether the interference had been necessary in a demo-cratic society, the Court considered that, as with outgoing mail to the Commission, it was of importance to respect the confidentiality of mail from the Commission since it might concern allegations against the prison au-thorities or prison officials.

Moreover, there was no com-pelling reason why such letters should be opened since the risk. adverted to by the Government, of Commission stationery being forged in order to smuggle pro-hibited material or messages into prison was so negligible that it had to be discounted.

The Court found that the open-ing of letters from the Commission was not "necessary in a democratic society" within the meaning of article 8, paragraph 2 and that there had accordingly been a breach of article 8. Judge Sir John Freeland dissenting

ll Article 25, paragraph i The matter was raised ex officio by the Commission but was not pursued before the Court. The Court therefore found no reason to examine this question. III Application of Article 50

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The applicant claimed E3.000
by way of compensation for the
interference with his correspondence. The Government and the Delegate of the Commission

considered that no award of damage should be made.

The Court considered that, in The Court considered that. In the circumstances of the case, the finding of breaches of article 8 constituted sufficient just satisfaction for the purposes of article 50.

B Costs and expenses

The applicant claimed f9.257.69 by way of costs and expenses. That amount related to solicitor's fees and disbursements for work done in Scotland and in

for work done in Scotland and in connection with the proceedings before the Convention institutions. No claims were made for travel and subsistence expenses which were covered by the grant of legal aid from the Council of Europe. The applicant had re-ceived by way of legal aid Ffr7.205 in respect of fees.

Neither the Government not the Delegate of the Commission disagreed with the above claim. The Court therefore held that the applicant should be awarded the amount claimed, namely 69,257.69 less Ffr7.205 already paid by way of legal aid in respect of fees. That figure was to be increased by any value-added tax that might be chargeable. that might be chargeable.

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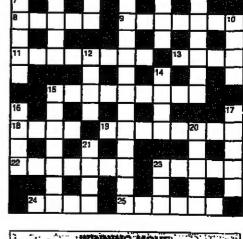
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Arts and Antiques (monthly).

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SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS:
The place to expend your social circle.
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Renals.

GARDENING SALEROOM: SATURDAY REVIEW:

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS. SATURDAY WEEKEND TIMES: SHOPAROUND:

OVERSEAS HOLIDAYS.

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax (98994) 6.30 BBC Breakfast News (21806159) 9.05 Election Call. Charles Kennedy answers general election questions from the phone-in public. To participate ring 071-799 5000. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 4 (1496197)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (4833517) 10.05 Playdays (s) (5994159) 10.25 The Family Ness (r) (4836604) 10.35 Gibberish. Celebrity word game hosted by Kenny Everett (s) (7038371) 11.00 News, regional news and weather (3188246) 11.05 Holiday (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8015246) 11.30 People Today presented by Adrian Mills and Mairi Maciver. Includes News, regional news and weather

at 12.00 (8701197) 12.20 Pebble Mill. Music and chat introduced by Judi Spiers (8739807) 12.55 Regional News and weather (13735081) 1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (31410)

1.30 Neighbours. Ceefax) (s) (64310265) 1.50 Turnabout. Rob Curling

with another round of the quiz that tests word power (64314081)

2.15 Hawaii Five-O. American police drama series (4673772) 3.05

Help Your Child with Science. Ideas to help children see the effects of light and shade (5493449) 3.15 Moment of Truth. Aerial cameraman Richard Cooke prepares to shoot a once-in-a-lifetime

photograph (9894807)

3.50 Henry's Cat (r) (7605369) 4.05 Fiddley Foodle Bird (s) (9780807) 4.15 Jackanory. Patricia Routledge with Helen Cresswell's Lizzie Dripping Goes to London (s) (9686555) 4.30 The New Yogi Bear Show (r) (8573265) 4.35 Bucky O'Hare (8350994) 5.00 Newsround (7667888) 5.10 Little Sir Nicholas. Episode one of a

six-part drama (r). (Ceefax) (7230642) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (217807). Northern Ireland: Election

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax)

Weather (36) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (88). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Wogan (s) (5159)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Reports on a new type of aeroplane from the

**Seople who invented the non-stick frying pan; environmentally-friendly street lighting; and Japan's plans to send men to Mars (72)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses. Del helps a pregnant Raquel with her showbiz career by getting her a cabaret slot alongside "the Singing Dustman" and appointing Rodney as her road manager (r). (Ceefax)

8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson (s) (253230) 9.00 News and Campaign Report with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (782420) 9.50 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (340536)



Battle force: Meredith, Tytler and Weston (10.00pm)

10.00 O.E.D: Simon's Return. CHOICE: In his fourth film for Q.E.D, Falklands veteran Simon Weston returns to the south Atlantic with two colleagues, John Meredith and Gary Tytler. It is an attempt to exorcise a ghost. Weston was appallingly burned when an Argentine aircraft bombed his ship, the Sir Galahad, killing 51 of his comrades. For years he has been obsessed with meeting the pilot who led the attack, former Lieutenant Carlos Cachon. With the cameras poised to capture the event, he finally does so. The conversation is conducted coolly and without bitterness but the emotivers trapile. Weston says he does without bitterness but the emotion is tangible. Weston says he does not know whether the ghost has been laid but he feels more at peace. In a further attempt to put the Falklands conflict at rest in their minds, the veterans visit the evocative battle sites of San Carlos, Goose Green, Tumbledown and Wireless Ridge. (Ceefax) (238710)

10.50 Sportsnight presented by Desmond Lynam. Greyhound Racing: the 33rd BBC Television Trophy final from Belle Vue, Manchester, Horse Racing: a preview of Saturday's Grand National; Rowing: a look forward to Saturday's Oxford and Cambridge boat race; Football: reports from tonight's European dub competitions and a preview of the weekend's FA Cup semi-finals; Olympic Reflections: the first of a series in which athletes select their special Olympic moments (7665888)

12.00 On the Hustings (74314) 12.30am Weather (4102937)

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Miles of Aisles 7.10 Social Sciences: Reading the Landscape (3553197) 8.00 Breakfast News (6262265)

8.15 Five Go to Florida. A group of seriously ill children are taken on a holiday of a lifetime (r). (Ceefax) (3138333)
9.00 Film: Meet the People (1944, b/w) starring Lucille Ball and Dick Powell, Musical comedy about a Broadway star who becomes a

shipyard riveter. Directed by Charles Reisner (78480246) mc The Naked Dawn (1955) starring Arthur Kennedy and Betta St John. Drama set in Mexico about a train robber who involves a farmer and his family in his next job. Directed by Edgar J. Ulmer

11.55 The Nutt House. American comedy series set in a hotel (r) (2352888)

(2352888)

12.20 Animation Now. Stanley and the Dinosaurs (5989994)

12.30 Dive to the Edge of Creation. The life forms that exist 8,000ft beneath the surface of the Pacific at Galapagos Rift (r) (7113468)

1.20 Johnson and Friends (r) (24861826) 1.30 Spider (s) (21964130)

1.35 In the Post. The story of the first postage stamp (r) (13297343)

2.00 News and weather (30335536),2.05 Look, Stranger. A profile of Frank Roper, a sculptor and model maker (r) (92856333) 2.35 Country File (r) (8508178)

Country File (r) (8508178) 3.00 News and weather (7554201) 3.05 High Chaparral. Western drama series (r) (3296401) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (2696333)

Fit to Drop. The dangers in being an exercise addict (r). (Ceefax) (6132623) 4.40 Little People . . . Big Business. The fascination of garden gnomes (9258975) 5.10 Horizon: A Diet for a Lifetime. The importance of diet during

pregnancy (f). (Ceefax) (s) (5469994)

6.00 Star Treic The Next Generation, Science fiction adventure series starring Patrick Stewart. (Ceefax) (511886)



Down on their luck: a Pittsburgh family's tragic tale (9.00pm) 6.50 DEF II: Reportage. One hundred first time voters discuss the

general election; and a report on how news gets from a press conference to the front page of a newspaper (689352)
7.30 Young Musician of the Year. The brass semi-final featuring 12 musicians (s) (799082)
8.10 Timewratch: The Story of Elisabeth Nietzsche.

© CHOICE: With his philosophy of the superman, Friedrich Nietzsche is often credited with providing the ideological basis for histograms are This film supermantation. Hittler's master race. This film suggests that a better candidate might be Nietzsche's sister, Elisabeth. Not only was she a violent antisemite, which Friedrich was not, but she put her views into gractical effect by setting up an Aryan "New Germany" in the Paraguayan jungle. It is a rich tale and writer/producer Candida Pryce-Jones does it justice. Tonight's programme, the first of two, looks at how Elisabeth became intoxicated by racist ideas picked up from from the composer Wagner, married a Jew-baiting schoolteacher and set will for each the effect. The File also contains a contraint of the New sail for south America. The film also contains a portrait of the New Germany today, still in the jungle and still proclaiming the superiority of the Aryan race (s) (107994)

9.00 Film: No Place Like Home (1989) staring Jeff Daniels and Christine Lahti. A made-for-television drama about a Pittsburgh family who are forced to live on the streets after the husband is made redundant and their home is destroyed by fire. Directed by Lee Grant (9197) 10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (328542)

10.40 Newsnight with Jeremy Payman (573420) 11.35 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (104284)

12.05 Weather (SOC1111)
12.10em Open University: Crossing the Border — Images of England in the 1930s (4186444). Ends at 12.40

6.00 TV-am (8378536) 9.25 Lucky Ladders. Wortl association game show hosted by Lennie Bennett (4901062) 9.55 Thames News (9503802) 10.00 The Time... The Place... John Stapleton chairs the topical

discussion series (2015197) 10.40 This Morning. Magazine presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (1709555) 12.10 Alisorts. For the young (s) (7635604)

12.30 Lunchtime News (Oracle) Weather (8442517) 1.10 Thames News (24869468)

1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial (44154492) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama (75959776) 2.20 Graham Kerr. With recipes for taco de pescado and cilantro pesto

(59333265) 2.50 Take the High Road (8516197)
3.15 ITN News headlines (9122028) 3.20 Themes News headlines (6877951) 3.25 The Young Doctors (1558791)
3.55 The Dreamstone. Fantasy cartoon series (r) (s) (5841975) 4.20 Finders Keepers. Slapstick game show (8454771) 4.50 Johnny Ball Reveals All. How to make numbers and counting easy. With

World Brain champion Dominic O'Brien (6389555).
5.10 Blockbusturs. General knowledge quiz for teenagers (8576352)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (119826) 6.00 Home and Away (7. (Oracle) (84)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (678420)
6.55 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats. (Oracle)

(702541)
7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel springs an emotional surprise on

another unsuspecting worthy (s) (3555)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (8)

8.00 Film: Goldfinger (1964).

© CHOICE: The third James Bond film remains one of the best. CHOICE: The third James Bond film remains one of the best, made when Sean Connery was still offering his insolent charm and before the formula had been tired by repetition. On one level the film is a contest between Bond and the usual aspiring world dictator, here represented by Gerd Probe's outsize Goldfinger. On another it pits Connery, Frobe, Honor Blackman and company against Ken Adam's inventive technological sets and a raft of extravagant hardware, including an Aston Martin fitted with optional extras available at no car showroom. Unlike the lan Fleming counts which incringed them, the Bond Films are a lurge transpared. novels which inspired them, the Bond films are a huge, tongue-in-cheek joke. In 1964 the joke was still fresh, embodied in a cheeky-script by Richard Malbaum and Paul Dehn and handled with a light touch by director Guy Hamilton. (Oracle) (2159) News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (90401) 10.30 Thames News (223469)

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The avenger and his sister; Bruce Lee and Shin Kien (10.40pm)

10.40 Film: Enter the Dragon (1973) staring Bruce Lee in his last film before his death at the age of 33. Martial arts adventure in which the hero accepts the job of breaking into an Island formes housing a criminal mastermind who was responsible for the death of his sister. Directed by Robert Clouse (68987826) 12:30 Visions. Includes the novelist Alice Thomas Ellis talking about the

role faith plays in her life (r) (23192) 1.00 Film: One Way Out (1955, b/w) starring fill Adams and Eddle Byrne. Thriller about a dedicated policeman who is blackmailed when his daughter is implicated in a robbery. Directed by Francis Searle (7379717)

2.15 America's Top Ten presented by Casey Kasem (s) (35005)
2.45 Videofeshion. The influence of British designer Jean Muir (5015043) .

3.10 Quiz Night, Inter pub and club competition (31168550)
3.40 The Twilight Zone: The Once and Puture King. A tale of the supernatural involving an Elvis Presley look-alike (r) (47867192)
4.10 Along the Cotswood Way. Clive Gunnell travels from Stanton to

Broadway (11137260)

4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsreel clips (38778482) 3 5.00 Three's Company. American comedy series (15734) 5.30 ITN Morning News (60111). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (8376178) 9.25 Film: Vintage Wine (1935, b/w) starring Seymour Hicks. Comedy about a 60-year-old widower who lies about his age and marries a young woman — much to his sons' consternation. Directed by Henry Edwards (3606474)

10.50 Zeno is Scared. Plasticine animation from Hungary (3944826) 11.00 Kingdoms of the East. The tigers of northern India and Nepal (r).
(Teletext) (98604) 12.00 Noah's Ark. The animals of the Galapagos slands (20642) 12.30 Business Daily (49265)

1.00 Sesame Street. Early learning series (37420)
2.00 Film: Summer Storm (1944, b/w) starring George Sanders and 16 Linda Darnell. Drama based on Chekhov's The Shooting Party about a married peasant woman whose illicit love affairs eventually lead to

tragedy. Directed by Douglas Sirk (1420)

4.00 Short Stories: The Inheritance. A portrait of an Anglo-Irish family struggling to survive in their crumbling stately pile in Co Cork (n) (7) 4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving general knowlege quiz (81)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Today's guests are men and their former mothers-in-law (4084197) 5.55 Laurel and Hardy (776401)

6.00 Star Chamber. Veteran Labour politician Tony Benn is grifled by the

computer (46)
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. Guests include Mike Myers and Dana Carvey from Wayne's World and Twin Peak's Sherilyn Fenn (6)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Telefext) Weather (846710)

7.50 Voters. Four voters in a Dundee pub discuss election ksues 8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s) (7517)



Fuel: Drew Smith examines the supermarket shelves (8.30pm) 8.30 Food File. Includes a look at how scientists try to create better llavours than nature. (Teletext) (s) (9352)

● CHOICE: A punchy edition of Dispatches two weeks ago accused politicians of manipulating election coverage on television and suspending normal journalistic initiatives. Tonight's programme returns to the theme, suggesting a tact conspiracy among the three main parties to supress discussion of one of the most important election issues, Britain's relationship with the European Community. election issues, Britain's relationship with the European Community. The film suggests that a pro-European element in the Foreign Office bas hijacked British policy, overruling even powerful sceptics such as Mrs Thatcher. At the same time the programme questions the economic benefits that £C membership has brought, reckons that the Common Agricultural Policy is costing each British household £20 a week and reports disenchantment among farmers, fishermen and small businesses. Politicians from the main parties are given the chance to reply (9449)

10.00 The Golden Girls. Comedy about the lives of four women of a certain age sharing a Miami home (r). (Teletext) (21371)

10.30 The Jack Dee Show. Last in the series starring the comic with the deadpan face (12361)

11.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Award-winning comedy set in the offices

. .deadpan race (12361)

11.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Award-winning comedy set in the offices of a television news station (r) (s) (8081)

11.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. Another visit to Los Angeles. The guest is heart-throb actor Johnny Depp(83284)

12.00 Michight Special. Election news round-up including a party political broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (26840)

2.00 Star Chamber. A repeat of 6.00cm's programme (35647)

2.30 Dick Spanner. Animated private eye series created by Gerry Anderson. (5876802). Ends at 2.35

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SKY ONE

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Via the Astro and Marcopolo satellites, 4.00em Showcase (8083458)
10.00 Fatal Judgement (1983). Tom Comb in coursoon drams (81265)
12.00 Aumile Marma (1958): Rosalind Russell as an econtric old aunt (738197)

SKY SPORTS

2.30pm is the Afterweth (1987): Drama set in a post-foliocast world (57492) 4.00 I Don't Know Who I Am (1980): A terrager searches for her real parents (75130) Vis the Arits and Marcopole setellites.
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5.00 Morn and Ded Carr't Hear Me (1989):
A young girl has deal-mute parents (7623)
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7.40 Entertainment Torsight (401130)
8.00 Three Registers (1988): Fast-paced compete Jourg & hard wides (1979). Matarcycling (99371) 12.00 Snooker (97375)

11.55 Blue Angel Cafe (1988): A young man rxis all that he holds dear (101975) 1.35am Helinakar (1987): British horror (8514043) 3.05 The Shout (1979). Supernatural tale starting Alan Bates (5488192)
4.30 Sing (1988): Contemporary musical departs (54000)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL Wis the Astra and Marcopole satslittes. 6.15am A Place of Weaping (1986): A black woman fights for change in South Africa (859536)
 3.15 Across Five Aprils (1990): Cwl. war drawn (957647).

10,00 Total Recall (1990): Amold Schwarzenegger in science-fiction epic

drama (957642) 10.15 The Blank of Zome (1940): Seashbucking adventure (69348284) 12.00 The King and I (1956): Rodgers and Hammersten musikal (45691197) 2.15pm The Regic Sword (1962) Faminy

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5.50 Spotlight (953794)
6.15 Chances Are (1999): Romentic comedy
staming Cybill Shepherd (118826)
8.15 Black Rainbow (1989): Supernatural
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(41246) 10.30 The Great American
Sameshows (2121061) 11.20 What's New
(4584343) 11.25 Search for Tomorrow
(2005555) 11.30 Sally Jeby Raphael
(252926) 12.45pm David Hamilton's
People (599401) 1.15 Joan Rivers (795791)
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World (5169159) 3.30 Cover Sarry (9401)
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RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm.
6.00am World Service: Newshour 6.30 Darwy
Baker's Moming Ednon 9.00 Schools: Topic
Besources 7-9, 9.15 Dance Wichshop; 9.35 Verse Universe; 9.45 Time and Tune; 10.05 Darma
Worlshop 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Walter with The AMA Alternative 12.30pm
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the Squad 2.30 World Service: Discovery, 3.65 Outdook; 3.39 Taxt; 3.45 Good Books, 4,65
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and Uefa Cup 10.10 Hit the North, and 11.00 News 12.00-12.10em News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

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Doctors (6516197) 3.25-63.55 Take the
High Road (1556797) 6.25-6.55 Central
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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather, News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert Handel (Sonata in G minor Op.1 No 2: Michala Petr., recorder and Keith Jarrett, planot; Chausson (Poème: RPO, under Andrew Litton, with Joshua Bell, violin) 7.30 Meass. Litton, with Joshua Bell, violin)
7.30 Mews
7.35 Morning Concert conte Boyce
(Symphony No 1 in B flat:
Bournemouth Symphony
under Ronald Thomas); Mozart
(Violin Concerto No 4 in D,
K218: Philharmonia Orchestra
under Riccardo Mutt, with
Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin);
Liszt (Impromptu in F sharp:
Vladfinir Horowitz, piano);
Elgar (Three Bavanan Dances:
Bournemouth Sinfonietta
under Norman Del Mar) 8.30
News

under Norman Del Mar) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Weelc Haydin. Symphony No 49 in Finited President President Concert under Trevor Pranock), Credo, Missa Sanctae Caecillae (Choir of Christ Church Cadond and Academy of Ancient Music under Simon Preston, with Judith Nelson, soprano; Martyn Hill, tenor; David Thomas, bassi; Symphony No 26 in D minor, Lamentatione (The English Concert under

(The English Concert under Trevor Pinnock) 9.35 Midweek Choke, with Susar Sharpe: Lanner (Die Schönbrunner Waltz: Vienna Schönbrunner Waltz: Vienna Volksoper Orchestra under Franz Bauer-Theussel); Albeniz (Granada; Cataluna; Sevilla; Cadiz, Suite española; Alicia de Lamocha, piano); Moeran (Songs of Springtime; Donald Hunt Singers of Worcester under Donald Hunt); Boccherini (Symphony in Cminor, Op 41: 1 Solisti Veneti under Claudio Scimone); Franças (Clarinet Concerto: Kovaldy Orchestra under the composer, with Maurice Gabai, darinet); Mocart (Venga la morte. Non terner, amato

la morte. Non terrer, amato bene, Idomeneo: Dreden Staatskapelle under Peter Staatskapelle under Peter Schreier, tenor, with Peter Miring, violini; Albeng (Asturias; Aragon; Cuba; Castilla, Suite española: Alicia de Larrocha, piano); Paradis (Sicilianne: Pinchas Zukerman, violini, Marc Neikrug, piano) 5 Bilic Scottish Symphony under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with

William Conway, callo: Sibellus Prelade, The Tempest, Tcharkovsky, Variations on a Rococo Theme; Sibelius Symphony, No 7; Sigar, Brigma Variations

Variations
1.00pm News
1.05 Concart Half: Claire and
Amoinette Carm, pianos, play
live from Broadcasting House,
London. Saint-Saëns (Dance
Macabre): Brahins (Variations
The Standard Wariations Macabrej, Brahms (Vanations on a theme by Haydni, Debussy (Petite Suite), Gershwin, arr Grainger (Fantasia on Porgy and Bess)

2.00 Record Raview ()

3.10 Vintage Years: Lyndon Jenkins recalls the voice and artistry of the Irish tenor James Johnston

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4.00 Choral Evensong
5.00 Songs of the Hostels: Choirs and Competitions. Jamet Fargion presents the second of two recordings from the male hostels of South Africa (f)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: The Not-So-Innocent Ear presented by Fritz Spiegl 7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear
7.30 Towards the Millerentum:
1911-1920. Birmingham

1911-1920. Birminghain Contemporary Music Group and CBSO under Simon Rattle, amd CBSO under Simon Rattle, with Elise Ross (soprano); Emanuel Ax (piano) play live from Symptony Hall Birmingham: Schoenberg (Pierrot Lunxire, Op 21); 8,10 Misunderstantings sometimes occur: Gabrielle Drake reads a short story by Prokofier; 8,30 Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 1 in D flat, Op 10); Debussy (Images)

(Images) 9.30 Golem: Dr Lewis Glinert recounts the making of a

recounts the making of a modern myth.

10.15 Cello and Pianoc Heixinch Schiff and Tzimon Barto play Beethoven (Sonata in D, Op 102, No 2); Schumann (Drei Phantasiestücke, Op 73); Marek Kopelent (Karrak); Shostakovich (Sonata in D minor, Op 40) 11.30 Netws.

11.35 Composers of the Weelic Holloway (The Consolation of Music; Romanza; He-She-Together); Knüssen (Three Little Fantasses for wind quartet; Symphony No 2) (r)

Little Fartisses for writing quartet: Symphony No 2) (r) mm-2.25 Night School: Except in Scotland (as R5 at 9am) 2.30-3.10 Night School Extra: Deutscher Club, 1 and 2 COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND CARGLINE DONALD
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(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, ind 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, ind 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
6.45 Business News 7.25, 8.25
Sports News 7.45 Thought for
the Day 8.53 Party Election
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Democrats 9.00 News
\$05 Election Call to Charles
(Ennedy of the Liberal
Democrats (071-799 5000)
10.00 Daily Service (1.W only)
10.00 Today's the Day (PM only): in
the first in a new series
reflecting important days in
people's lives, Neil Walker and
David Clayton go behind the
scenes at the opening of Harry
Ramsden's fish and chip shop
in Heathrow airport
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Sotth
reading from Ezekiel
10.30 Campaign Report (LW only)
includes a discussion on the
origans of April Fools' Day,
with Simon Brett and Sue
Pomeroy, features on the gene
that causes nagging and the
Paris fashion houses, Plus, a
discussion about literary
frogments
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time

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12.00 You and Yours 12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm Lord Edgware Dies: Third
in a five-part dramatisation of
Agatha Christie's novel
1.00 The World at One (LW only
from 1.40)
1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r)
2.00 After learns: Stephen
Greenhous's Albertes

Greenhom's play draws
together Alice's hopes for her
seventieth birthday, and her
lingering memories of her first
love, killed in 1942 (s)

2.47 The Black Heart Paul Hyland
continues his incurred up the

2.47 The Black Heart: Paul Hyland continues his journey up the River Congo, into Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness (r) 3.60 Going Back (FM only): In the first of three programmes about people revisiting places where they have lived in the past, Liz Moloney returns to north-west Cameroon (r) 3.90-4.00 Campaign Report (LW only)

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3.42 Profile (FM only)

12395361 / July No. 1 (3064178) 7-30 Who's the Boss' (4100517) 8.00 Look Here (3073826) 8.30 The Radhard Documentary (3052333) 9.00 News (2104284) 9-30 Today Tonight (2397081) 10.30 Parterhouse Blue (4202997) 10.30 Parterhouse Blue (3558468) 11.25 Insh Masters Snooker (5321739) 12.25 News (2702250) 12.35 Close

RADIO 4

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Mark Steyn discusses the week's new films, talks to Guy Jenkin about political humour and visits the new exhibitions, visits the new exhibitions,
Sovereign, and costume
jewellery at the Victoria and
Albert Museum. Plus, features
on the Museum of Humour
and Merlin at Edinburgh's
Royal Lyceum theatre (s)
4.45 Short Story: Crying Talking
Steeping, Walking by Greg
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5.00 PM
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Counterpoint: Musical quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)
7.20 Costing the Earth (FM only)
7.45 Thorn In our Flesh (FM only):
A series of talks for Lent
8.00-9.00 Campaign Report (LW only)

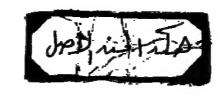
only) 8.00 Medicine Now (FM only) 8.30-9.30 The Cutting Edge (FM only):

OCHOICE: Ironically, the most important voice in Dr David Cook's inquiry into an all-too-familiar family tragedy is a stent one. Apart from grunts and eye movements, the stroke victim whose daughter and GP are interviewed tonight has made no sound for seven years. This is a situation in which, ethically, there can be no incontrovertible rights or wrongs about whether a life should be extended or terminated, if stroke victims terminated. If stroke victims cannot communicate, how is it

possible to know what their own wishes are? It is an emotional minefield that the Cook negotiates tonight, and he does not put a foot wrong 9.00 in Business: Assault courses for management training 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s)

10.00 The World Tonight (s)
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10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Love is Blue (3 of 10)
11.00 Carry on Up the Zertgeist: Edward Bilshen remembers the the Goons (2 of 6) (r)
11.30 Election Platform
12.00-12.43 News, and 12.27
Weather 12.55 Shipping 12.43
World Service (1.W only)

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